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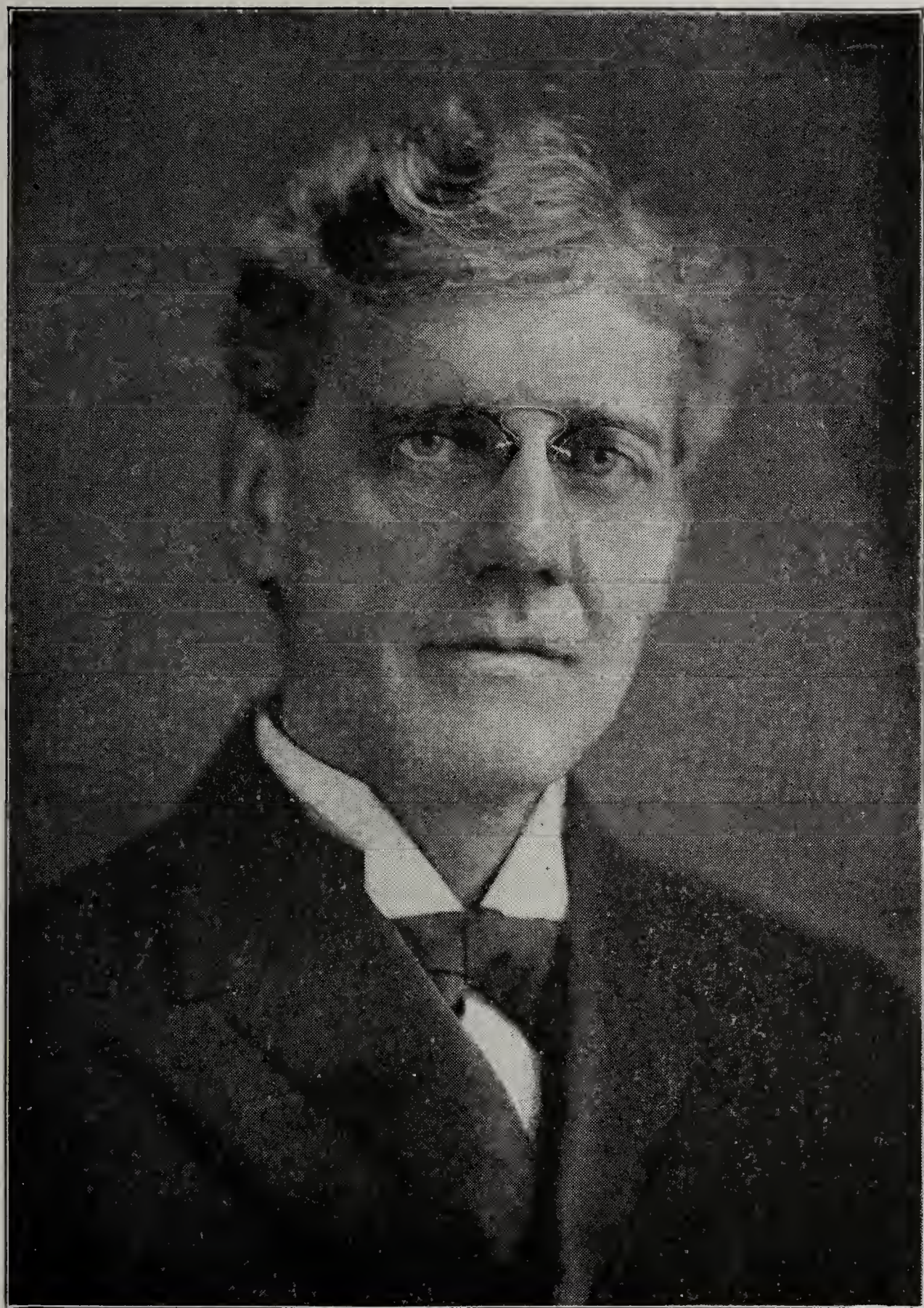
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NOTE—All records, reports and statistics contained within these minutes cover a period of fifteen months.

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BISHOP E. G. RICHARDSON, D. D., LL. D.

RULES OF ORDER

2. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the Conference, and in case of such appeal the question shall be taken without debate, except that the President may state the grounds of decision, and the appellant may state the grounds of his appeal.

2. The President shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise especially ordered by the Conference.

3. On assigning the floor to any member of the Conference, he shall distinctly announce the name of the member to whom he assigns it.

4. All motions or resolutions presented by any member shall be written and presented in duplicate by the mover, if the President, Secretary, or any two members request it; and all reports shall be presented in duplicate if so requested.

5. When a motion or resolution is moved and seconded, or a report is presented, and is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before amendment or decision, with the consent of the second.

6. The motions to adjourn, to suspend the rules, to lay on the table, to take from the table, and the call for the previous question shall be taken without debate.

7. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration shall be disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, namely: (1) To fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn. (2) To adjourn. (3) To take a recess. (4) To lay on the table. (5) For the previous question. (6) To postpone to a given time. (7) To refer. (8) Substitute. (9) Amendment. (10) To postpone indefinitely. The motion for the previous question cannot be laid on the table.

8. Only one amendment to an amendment shall be in order. But then it shall be in order to move a substitute for the main question and one amendment to the substitute, and if a substitute is accepted, it shall replace the original proposition. In voting, the Conference shall pursue the following order, namely: The main question shall first be perfected by voting on the amendments proposed to the main question, and then the Conference shall vote on the substitute and its amendments.

9. It shall be in order for any member to call for the yeas and nays on any question before the Conference; and if the call be sustained by twenty-five members present, the vote thereon shall be taken by yeas and nays.

10. It shall be in order to move that the question be taken without further debate, on any measure pending before the Conference, except in cases where character is involved; and if sustained by a vote of two-thirds, the question shall be taken. The motion for the previous question cannot be laid on the table; nevertheless, it shall be in order under this rule to move to recommit, to divide, or to lay on the table after the previous question has been ordered.

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11. The motion to adjourn shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except (1) when a member has the floor; (2) when a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken; (3) when a question is pending on sustaining the demand for the previous question; (4) when the previous question has been called and sustained, and action under it is still pending; and (5) when a motion to adjourn has been negatived and no business or debate has intervened.

12. When any motion or resolution shall have been acted upon by the Conference it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration; but a motion to reconsider a non-debatable motion shall be decided without debate.

13. When any member is about to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

14. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems the speaker out of order, and any member may explain it if he thinks himself misrepresented.

15. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave from the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken; provided, however, that a committee making a report shall in all cases be entitled to ten minutes to close the debate. The committee shall not be deprived of its right to close the debate, even after the previous question has been ordered.

16. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

17. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when such question shall be put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, when such member has been necessarily absent. Every member who is within the bar at the time the question is put shall give his vote, unless the Conference for special reasons, excuse him.

18. Except by unanimous consent a member shall not, at the close of his own remarks, move to lay a pending motion upon the table.

19. These rules shall not be suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

Sessions of St. John's River Conferences 1887-1923

NO.	DATE	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1	1887	Jacksonville -----	Foss -----	H. J. Walker
2	1888	St. Augustine -----	Mallalieu -----	W. S. Fitch
3	1889	Eustis -----	Newman -----	W. S. Fitch
4	1890	Orange City -----	Bowman -----	W. S. Fitch
5	1891	Lawtey -----	Warren -----	G. E. Shiras
6	1892	Jacksonville -----	Ninde -----	G. E. Shiras
7	1893	DeLand -----	Foster -----	G. E. Shiras
8	1894	Eustis -----	Joyce -----	G. E. Shiras
9	1895	Daytona -----	Fowler -----	J. G. Bonnell
10	1896	Lawtey -----	Foss -----	J. G. Bonnell
11	1897	Tarpon Springs -	Hurst -----	J. J. Edwards
12	1898	DeLand -----	Andrews -----	J. J. Edwards
13	1899	Eustis -----	Ninde -----	R. O. Payne
14	1900	Jacksonville -----	Walden -----	J. B. Hawk
15	1901	St. Augustine -----	Mallalieu -----	J. B. Hawk
16	1902	Daytona -----	Fitzgerald -----	J. B. Hawk
17	1903	DeLand -----	Foss -----	J. B. Hawk
18	1904	Tarpon Springs --	Goodsell -----	Addman Smith
19	1905	Seabreeze -----	McCabe -----	Addman Smith
20	1906	St. Augustine -----	Fowler -----	Addman Smith
21	1907	St. Petersburg -----	McDowell -----	G. F. Scott
22	1908	Jacksonville -----	Spellmeyer -----	Addman Smith
23	1909	Miami -----	Cranston -----	D. H. Rutter
24	1910	Eustis -----	Berry -----	Addman Smith
25	1911	St. Petersburg -----	Hamilton -----	Addman Smith
26	1912	South Jacksonville	Warren -----	J. H. Elder
27	1913	Daytona -----	Leete -----	J. H. Elder
28	1914	Miami -----	Leete -----	J. H. Elder
29	1915	Tarpon Springs --	Wilson -----	J. H. Elder
30	1916	St. Augustine -----	Leete -----	W. J. Harkness
31	1917	St. Cloud -----	Quayle -----	O. T. Usleman
32	1918	Sebring -----	Leete -----	John Treadwell
33	1919	Eustis -----	Burt -----	D. H. Rutter
34	1920	Jacksonville -----	Leete -----	D. H. Rutter
35	1921	DeLand -----	Richardson -----	D. H. Rutter
36	1922	St. Cloud -----	Richardson -----	D. H. Rutter
37	1923	Lake Worth -----	Richardson -----	D. H. Rutter

Officers of the Conference

Resident and Presiding Bishop

Ernest G. Richardson, D. D., LL. D., 63 Ponce de Leon Ave.,
Atlanta, Ga.

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D. H. Rutter, Ph. D., Daytona Beach, Fla.

Assistant Secretary

D. Stratford Scadeng, Daytona Fla.

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Assistant Statisticians

R. N. Merrill, Miami, Fla.

F. A. W. Sessions, Jacksonville, Fla.

Treasurer

William Landiss, St. Cloud, Fla.

Assistant Treasurer

R. J. Derr, Jacksonville, Fla.

Registrar

G. H. Northrop, Oldsmar, Fla.

Conference Boards

Conference Stewards—J. F. Pickard, 3 years; R. N. Merrill, 3 years; W. S. Gray, 2 years; S. E. Idleman, 2 years; Alfred Evenden, 1 year; E. L. Housley, 1 year.

Home Missions and Church Extension—J. J. Teradwell, President; S. E. Idleman, Treasurer, C. W. Kinne, Secretary; L. H. Shumate, R. N. Merrill, F. B. Noble, T. J. Hammil, A. J. Price.

Education—F. A. W. Sessions, L. A. Griggs.

Sunday Schools—District Superintendents, J. E. Junkin, C. J. Ericson, Mrs. Clay Toney.

Deaconess—1923, W. S. Gray, J. J. Ellington, E. L. Housely, Mrs. S. E. Idleman. 1924, Mrs. R. A. Carnine, Mrs. O. M. Freeman, R. J. Derr. 1925, Mrs. A. J. Price, Mrs. J. R. Hoch, W. I. Powell.

Epworth League—Alfred Evenden, R. N. Merrill.

Triers of Appeals—P. S. Merrill, J. F. Pickard, W. T. Evans, G. H. Northrop, William Landiss; Reserves, D. S. Scadeng, G. W. Carlin.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon—George B. Thomas.

Trustees of the Livingston Mission Fund—W. S. Ware, President; C. W. Kinne, Secretary-Treasurer; C. M. Fuller, D. A. Mayfield, C. A. Nooney, L. C. Chamberlain, F. B. Noble, T. E. Nunn, F. W. Rivers.

Examiners—J. F. Pickard, Chairman; G. H. Northrop, Registrar; S. E. Idleman, R. A. Carnine, D. H. Rutter, F. N. Lapham, R. N. Merrill, L. H. Shumate.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Auditing—F. N. Lapham, E. L. Housely.

Book Concern—L. Radcliffe, J. J. Ellington.

Conference Relations—J. F. Pickard, 3 years; P. S. Merrill, 3 years; R. A. Carnine, 2 years; D. S. Scadeng, 2 years; G. H. Northrop, 1 year; S. E. Idleman, 1 year.

Evangelism—P. E. Ramsey, W. F. Ernsberger.

Episcopal Fund—W. S. Gray, A. J. Price.

Public Worship—R. A. Carnine, N. H. Kendall.

Resolutions—A. J. Price, R. N. Merrill.

Sabbath Observance—G. W. Carlin, E. L. Housely.

Woman's Work—C. J. Ericson, W. E. Searles.

Memoirs—D. S. Scadeng, M. Stahl.

Church Location—W. H. Thurber, J. I. Conklin, R. N. Merrill, D. S. Scadeng, P. E. Ramsey, G. H. Northrop, M. H. Gregory, D. F. Welch, F. B. Noble, S. E. Idleman, H. O. Sebring, G. B. Thomas.

Homes and Hospitals—P. S. Merrill, F. A. Hamilton, L. Z. Burdick, F. B. Noble.

Apportioned Benevolences—F. W. Sessions, P. E. Ramsey, S. E. Lawhon, J. R. Hoch, L. A. Griggs.

Treasurer Permanent Fund—C. W. Kinne, Jacksonville, Fla.

Conference Course of Study

ASSIGNMENT OF WORK

Chairman—J. F. Pickard

Registrar—G. H. Northrop

THEOLOGY

Doctrinal—S. E. Idleman, D. D.

Plain Account of Christian Perfection ----- Wesley
 Foundation of Christian Belief ----- Strickland
 System of Christian Doctrine ----- Scheldon
 Selections from Writings of John Wesley ----- Welch

Homiletical—R. A. Carnine, D. D.

All Written Sermons.

The Making of the Sermons ----- Pattison

Exegetical—D. H. Rutter, Ph. D.

Dictionary of the Bible ----- Hastings
 The Bible in the Making ----- Smyth
 How We Got Our Bible ----- Smyth
 Beacon Lights of Prophecy ----- Knudson
 Introduction to the Study of Comparative Religion ----- Jevons

Practical—F. N. Lapham, B. D.

Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 1920.

Human Behaviour ----- Colvin and Bagley
 The Pulpit and the Teacher ----- Weigle
 The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice ----- Meyer

HISTORY

Sacred—R. N. Merrill, D. D.

Life of John Wesley ----- Winchester
 New Testament History ----- Rall
 A Short History of the Christian Church ----- Moncrief
 Paul and His Epistles ----- Hayes
 The New Home Missions ----- Douglas
 Social Aspects of Foreign Missions ----- Faunce

Secular—J. F. Pickard

The Social Problem ----- Ellwood
 Everyday Ethics ----- Cabot

Belles-Letters—L. H. Shumate, Ph. D.

The Art of Writing English ----- Brown and Barnes
 Elementary English
 American History ----- James and Sanford
 Essays
 How to Study and Teaching How to Study ----- McMurray
 The Way to Win ----- Fisher
 Note—All Collateral Reading ----- G. H. Northrop

Pastoral Record

Bennett, G. E.—Admitted to Indiana Conference, 1907; twelve years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1917; Tarpon Springs, 1917; Sebring, 1918; South Jacksonville, 1919-1920; Secretary Boy Scouts, 1921-1923.

Carlin, George W.—Received on trial, Des Moines Conference, 1908; eight years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1917; Homestead, 1917; Eau Gallie and Fellsmere, 1918-1922; Fruitland Park, 1923.

Carnine, R. A.—Received on trial Iowa Conference, 1873; thirty-seven years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1911; District Superintendent Jacksonville District, 1911-1916; St. Petersburg, 1917-1921; Miami District, 1922; Field Secy. Permanent Fund, 1923.

Derr, Raymond J.—Received on trial into the St. Johns River Conference, 1917; two years active service; transferred to Georgia Conference, 1919. Two years active service. Transferred to the St. Johns River Conference, 1922; Arlington and Gilmore, 1923.

Evans, W. T.—Received on trial into the Illinois Annual Conference, Sept. 1892, and served the following charges: 1892, Kenney and Chestnut; 1893, Springfield Circuit; 1894, Golden; 1895, West Point and Basco; 1896, Mendon; 1897, Minier; 1898-1899, New Holland; 1900-1901, Concord; 1902-1904, La Prairie; 1905-1906, Chandlerville; 1907-1909, Easton; 1910-1911, Weldon. Transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1912; Hastings, 1913-1914; Belleview and Candler, 1915-1916; Lake Como, 1917; South Jacksonville, 1918-1922; Belleview; retired 1923.

Evenden, Alfred—Received on credential from Baptist Church into St. Johns River Conference in full connection, 1918; Lawtey, 1818-19; Zephyrhills, 1920-22; Hastings, 1923.

Gray, W. S.—Cincinnati Conference, 1890-1914; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1914; Eustis, 1914-1916; transferred to Holston Conference, 1916; Cleveland, Tenn., 1916-18; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1919; New Smyrna, 1919-21; South Jacksonville, 1922-23.

Griggs, L. A.—Received on trial in Northern New York Conference, 1905, eighteen years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1922; Sebring, 1922-23.

Housley, Edwin L.—Ordained Deacon North Ohio Conference, 1904; Elder Philippine Island Conference, 1908; active service Philippine Island Conference, 1907-1920. Transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1920; South Bay, 1920-1922; Palma Ceia Park, 1923.

Landiss, William—Received on trial Illinois Conference, 1893; Batchertown, 1893; Kinderhook, 1894; Chaplin, 1895; Sy 1896; located 1897-1904; readmitted Illinois Conference, 1905; Warrenburg, 1905-06; Dawson, 1907; Morrisonville, 1908; Middletown, 1909-1910; Owaneco, 1911-13; Neoga, 1914; St. Johns River Conference, Sept.

10, 1915; New Springfield, 1915-17; Y. M. C. A. war work, 1918-19; St. Cloud, 1920-23.

Lapham, F. N.—Received in Colorado Conference, 1900; thirteen years active service; transferred St. Johns River Conference, 1913; Hastings, 1913; Zephyrhills, 1914-16; Florida City, 1917-18; Davenport and Taft, 1919; Mt. Dora, 1920-23.

Lawhon, Samuel E.—Received on trial Kansas Conference 1905; 8 years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1913; Fort Lauderdale, 1913; Fairfield, 1914; Mt. Dora, 1915-16; Tampa, 1917; Y. M. C. A. Work, 1918-19; Belleview, 1920; South Jacksonville, 1920-21; Fort Lauderdale, 1922-23.

Merrill, P. S.—Received in Philadelphia Conference, 1876; thirty-six years active service; transferred St. Johns River Conference, 1912; Miami, 1912-18; retired, 1919. Made effective, 1920; Sebring, 1920-22; retired, 1923.

Merill, R. N.—Received on trial Philadelphia Conference, 1905; three years active service; transferred to Erie Conference, 1907; nine years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1917; Miami, 1917-22.

Northrop, G. H.—Received on trial Wyoming Conference, 1892; five years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1897; Okahumka and Fruitland Park, 1897-1902; Eustis and Mt. Dora, 1902-05; Tarpon Springs, 1905-12; Lawtey, 1912-13; St. Cloud, 1914-17; Tarpon Springs, 1918-21. Retired, 1922-23.

Pickard, J. F.—Received on trial in Northern Minnesota Conference, 1895; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1915; Fairfield, Jacksonville, 1915-16; Daytona, 1917-19; St. Augustine, 1920-22; leave of absence, 1923.

Powell, W. I.—Received on trial Alabama Conference, 1878; fifteen years active service; transferred St. Johns River Conference, 1893, two years active service; transferred to Northeast Ohio Conference, 1895; ten years active service; supernumerary six years; transferred Alabama Conference 1911, twelve years active service; transferred St. Johns River Conference, 1923; Lawtey and Saxon, 1922-23.

Price, Arthur J.—Received on trial Detroit Conference, 1903; active service since in Main, Gulf and Southwest Kansas Conferences; transferred St. Johns River Conference, 1922; Tarpon Springs, 1922; Snyder Memorial, 1923.

Rader, Luther S.—Received on trial East Ohio Conference, 1882; nine years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference 1891; Presiding Elder Eustis District, 1891-95; Jacksonville, Trinity, 1895-97; St. Augustine, 1898-1902; Jacksonville District, 1902-98; Miami, 1908-12; Fort Lauderdale, 1912-13; Miami District, 1914-19; Everglades Mission District, 1920; Retired, 1921-23.

Reynolds, E. E.—Received on trial in Vermont Conference, 1888; seven years active service; transferred to New Hampshire Conference, 1895; twenty years active service; supernumerary 1916; transferred 1917 to St. Johns River Conference; Cocoanut Grove, 1917-19; Superintendent Miami District, 1920-21; St. Petersburg, 1922-23.

Rutter, D. H.—Received on trial West Virginia Conference,

1901, six years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference 1907; Daytona, 1907-10; transferred to Pittsburg Conference, 1910; two years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1911; Daytona, 1911-13; St. Augustine, 1914-19; Daytona Beach, 1920-23.

Scadeng, David S.—Received on trial North Dakota Conference, 1905; nine years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1914; Hastings, 1914-18; Y. M. C. A. War Work, 1918-19; Winter Park, 1919; Daytona, 1920-23.

Sessions, F. A. W.—Received on trial into Central New York Conference, 1896; eighteen years active service; transferred to Genessee Conference, 1914; six years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1920; Fairfield, 1920-23.

Stahl, M.—Received on trial Central Illinois Conference, 1876; five years active service; transferred to Des Moines Conference, 1881; thirty-three years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1914; Lake Worth, 1914-21; Retired, 1921-23.

Thomas, George Brown—Admitted on trial into the St. Louis Conference in 1904; by transfers served later as follows: New Hampshire Conference, 1909-1916; New England Southern Conference, 1916-1922; St. Johns River Conference, 1922-23.

Treadwell, J. J.—Admitted on trial into the St. Johns River Conference, 1910; South Jacksonville, 1910-11; New Smyrna, 1912-14; Daytona Beach, 1915-17; transferred to the St. Johns River Conference, 1919; Superintendent Jacksonville District, 1919-23.

Usleman, O. T.—Received on trial St. Louis Conference, 1904; two years active service; transferred to Holston Conference, 1905; six years active service; transferred to St. Johns River Conference, 1912; Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, 1912-13; Fort Lauderdale, 1914-15; New Smyrna, 1916; Fairfield, Jacksonville, 1917; Anti-Saloon Superintendent, 1918-20; Livingston Memorial (Jacksonville), 1921-22; Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, 1923.

Conference Roll

Name	Address	Present Relation	Order
Bennett, G. E., Lakeland	-----	Effective	Elder
Carlin, G. W., Fruitland Park	-----	Effective	Elder
Carnine, R. A., Miami	-----	Effective	Elder
Carter, William J., Homestead	-----	Supernumerary	Elder
Clarke, Luther B., Melbourne	-----	Effective	Elder
Connolly, E. Fransesco, South Bay	-----	Effective	Elder
Derr, R. J., Arlington	-----	Effective	Elder
Ellington, J. J., Eustis	-----	Effective	Elder
Evans, W. T., Belleview	-----	Retired	Elder
Evenden, Alfred, Hastings	-----	Effective	Elder
Freeman, O. M. Florida City	-----	Effective	Elder
Gray, Walter S., South Jacksonville	-----	Effective	Elder
Griggs, L. A., Sebring	-----	Effective	Elder
Hoch, J. R., Homestead	-----	Effective	Elder
Housley, E. L., Palma Ceia Park, Tampa	-----	Effective	Elder
Idleman, S. E., White Temple, Miami	-----	Effective	Elder
Ingham, Harry, Winter Park	-----	Effective	Elder
Kendall, N. H., Eau Gallie	-----	Effective	Elder
Landiss, William, St. Cloud	-----	Effective	Elder
Lapham, F. N., Mount Dora	-----	Effective	Elder
Lawhon, S. E., Fort Lauderdale	-----	Effective	Elder
Merrill, P. S., Sebring	-----	Retired	Elder
Merrill, R. N., Miami	-----	Effective	Elder
Murrell, Jesse L., Miami	-----	Effective	Elder
Nelson, C. G., Tarpon Springs	-----	Effective	Elder
Northrop, G. H., Oldsmar	-----	Retired	Elder
Pickard, J. F., Lakeland	-----	Effective	Elder
Powell, W. I., Lawtey	-----	Effective	Elder
Price, A. J., Jacksonville	-----	Effective	Elder
Radcliffe, Lawrence, De Land	-----	Effective	Elder
Rader, Luther S., Miami	-----	Retired	Elder
Ramsey, Perry E., Fort Myers	-----	Effective	Elder
Reynolds, E. E., St. Petersburg	-----	Effective	Elder
Rutter, D. H., Daytona Beach	-----	Effective	Elder
Scadeng, D., Stratford, Daytona	-----	Effective	Elder
Sessions, F. A. W., Jacksonville	-----	Effective	Elder
Shumate, L. H., Oldsmar	-----	Effective	Elder
Smith, Addyman, Lake Worth	-----	Effective	Elder
Stahl, M., Lake Worth	-----	Retired	Elder
Taylor, Foster W., Cocoanut Grove	-----	Effective	Elder
Thomas, George B., St. Augustine	-----	Effective	Elder
Treadwell, J. J., St. Augustine	-----	Effective	Elder
Usleman, O. T., Jacksonville	-----	Effective	Elder

Probationers

Gooden, Benjamin F.—In studies of the First Year.
 Hamilton, Frank A.—In studies of the Second Year.
 Moffat, Lawton, B. C.—In studies of the First Year.
 Tomkinson, E. G.—In studies of the First Year.

Appointments

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT

	J. J. Treadwell, Superintendent, St. Augustine, Florida	(5)
1	Arlington and Gilmore -----	R. J. Derr (2)
2	Bellevue and Candler -----	(W. E. Searles) (5)
3	Davenport and Taft -----	(L. M. Parker) (1)
4	Eustis -----	J. J. Ellington (2)
5	Fruitland Park and Okahumpka -----	G. W. Carlin (1)
6	Hastings -----	Alfred Evenden (1)
	Jacksonville	
7	" Fairfield -----	F. A. W. Sessions (4)
8	" Livingston Memorial -----	E. G. Tomkinson (1)
9	" Perry Avenue -----	(W. C. White) (2)
10	" Snyder Memorial -----	A. J. Price (1)
11	South Jacksonville -----	W. S. Gray (2)
12	Lake Como -----	To be supplied
13	Lawtey and Saxon -----	W. I. Powell (2)
14	Mount Dora -----	F. N. Lapham (4)
15	Orlando -----	To be supplied
16	Port Richey -----	To be supplied
17	St. Augustine -----	G. B. Thomas (2)
18	St. Cloud and Brown's Chapel -----	William Landiss (4)
19	St. Petersburg -----	E. E. Reynolds (2)
20	Sebring -----	L. A. Griggs (2)
21	Tarpon Springs -----	C. G. Nelson (1)
22	Winter Park -----	Harry Ingham (2)
23	Zephyrhills -----	(J. W. Johnson) (1)

MIAMI DISTRICT

	S. E. Idleman, Superintendent, White Temple, Miami, Florida	(1)
1	Allapatah -----	(C. J. Ericson) (15)
2	Cocoanut Grove -----	F. W. Taylor (1)
3	Coronado -----	(W. F. Ernsberger) (1)
4	Davie -----	(S. E. Lawhon) (2)
5	Daytona -----	D. Stratford Scadeng (4)
6	Daytona Beach -----	D. H. Rutter (4)
7	De Land -----	Lawrence Radcliffe (6)
8	Eau Gallie -----	N. H. Kendall (1)
9	Fellsmere -----	(J. O. Jameson) (2)
10	Florida City -----	O. M. Freeman (1)
11	Fort Lauderdale -----	S. E. Lawhon (2)
12	Homestead -----	J. R. Hoch (1)
13	Indian River and Georgiana -----	(N. H. Kendall) (1)
14	Lake Worth -----	Addyman Smith (1)
15	Lantana -----	To be supplied
16	Larkins -----	(Robert Smylie) (3)
17	Melbourne -----	Luther B. Clarke (1)
18	Miami -----	R. N. Merrill (7)—F. A. Hamilton (2)—Jesse L. Murrell (1)
19	Naranja -----	(William J. Carter) (2)
20	New Smyrna -----	(W. F. Ernsberger) (1)
21	Orange City -----	(L. Radcliffe) (6)
22	Rock Harbor -----	(O. M. Freeman) (1)
23	Redlands -----	(J. R. Hoch) (1)
24	Wabasso -----	(E. I. Getman) (1)

TAMPA DISTRICT

L. H. Shumate, Superintendent, Oldsmar, Florida (3)

1	Fort Myers Parish -----	P. E. Ramsey	(3)
4	Palma Ceia Park -----	E. L. Housley	(1)
5	Palui Dale -----	To be supplied	
3	South Bay Circuit -----	E. F. Connolly	(1)
2	Oldsmar -----	(G. H. Northrop)	(2)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

G. E. Bennett, Executive Secretary Boy Scouts (3) South Jacksonville Quarterly Conference.

R. A. Carnine, Field Secretary Conference Claimants Permanent Fund (1), Miami Quarterly Conference.

B. J. Gooden, left without appointment to attend school (1), Port Richey Quarterly Conference.

L. B. C. Moffat, left without appointment to attend school, Homestead Quarterly Conference.

J. F. Pickard, Leave of Absence for one year (1), St. Augustine

O. T. Usleman, Superintendent Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, Livingston Memorial Quarterly Conference.

Note: Names enclosed in parenthesis are supplies. Numerals indicate years on present appointment.

Disciplinary Questions

1. Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?

Yes.

2. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

L. A. Griggs, Northern New York; Jesse L. Murrell, Illinois; C. G. Nelson, North Indiana; Foster W. Taylor, Troy; G. B. Thomas, New England Southern; W. I. Powell, Alabama; A. J. Price, S. W. Kansas; Luther B. Clarke, Holston; Addyman Smith, West Ohio.

3. Who have been Readmitted?

None.

4. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

None.

5. Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year: Benjamin F. Gooden; Edwin G. Tomkinson.

(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule: None.

6. Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year: L. B. C. Moffat.

(b) In Studies of Second Year: Frank A. Hamilton.

(c) In Studies of Third Year: None.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year: None.

7. Who have been Discontinued?

None.

8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year: None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons Previously: None.

9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year: None.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership Previously: None.

10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

None.

11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year: None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously: None.

(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule: None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(a) As Local Preachers: None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule: None.

(c) Under the Seminary Rule: None.

13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(a) As Local Deacons: None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule: None.

14. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

This was strictly done, as the name of each Conference Member was called in open session.

15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

H. H. Black, (Probationer) Second Year, Troy; C. J. Hammitt, Alabama; J. C. Wilson, Kansas.

16. Who have Died?

E. D. Holtz.

17. Who have been Located at their own Request?

None.

18. Who have been Located?

None.

19. Who have Withdrawn?

None.

20. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

21. Who have been Expelled?

None.

22. What other personal Notation should be made?

(1) James L. Jones (Elder) from M. E. Church, South.

23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?

W. J. Carter (3).

24. Who are the Retired Ministers?

W. T. Evans.

P. S. Merrill.

G. H. Northrop.

L. S. Rader.

M. Stahl.

25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

P. S. Merrill, J. F. Pickard, W. T. Evans, G. H. Northrop, William Landiss. Reserves: D. S. Scadeng, G. W. Carlin.

26. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?

See Report in Conference minutes.

27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?

No report.

28. What is the Statistical Report?

See the Statistician's Report.

29. What is Conference Treasurer's Report?

See the Conference Treasurer's Report.

30. (a) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$48,441.

(b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$16,542.

31. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?

For Annuity distribution, 325 years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$21.00 per year, \$6835. For necessitous distribution, \$600. Total, \$7435.

32. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?

From the Book Concern, \$268; From Annual Conf. Investments, \$565.88; From the Chartered Fund, \$35; From Pastoral Charges, \$3962.87; From the Board of Conf. Claimants, \$600; Total, \$5499.

(b) How has it been Applied? See Report of the Boards of Stewards.

33. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?

\$6000 to be apportioned by the District Superintendents.

34. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?

\$88.00.

35. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See List of Appointments.

36. Where shall the Next Conference be held?

Winter Park, Florida.

St. John's River Conference

Official Journal for 1923

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LAKE WORTH,
FLORIDA, BEGINNING APRIL 18, 1923.

FIRST SESSION—FIRST DAY

Wednesday, April 18, 1923.

Opening of the Conference—Bishop E. G. Richardson, D. D., LL. D., of Atlanta, Ga., opened the Thirty Seventh Annual session of the St. Johns River Conference at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Lake Worth, Fla., at nine o'clock, Wednesday, April 18, 1923.

Hymn No. 539, "Loving Kindness, O How Free!" was sung after which the Bishop led the Conference in prayer. He then read a portion of the First Chapter of Col. emphasizing therewith "the pre-eminence of Christ."

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper—The Bishop assisted by the District Superintendents, and the Pastor, N. H. Kendall, administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Roll Call—D. H. Rutter, the Secretary of the last preceding Conference called the roll and the following brethren responded: G. W. Carlin, R. A. Carnine, E. F. Connolly, R. J. Derr, J. J. Ellington, W. T. Evans, Alfred Evenden, O. M. Freeman, W. S. Gray, J. R. Hoch, E. L. Housely, S. E. Idleman, Harry Ingham, N. H. Kendall, William Landiss, F. N. Lapham, S. E. Lawhon, P. S. Merrill, R. N. Merrill, G. H. Northrop, Lawrence Radcliff, L. S. Rader, P. E. Ramsey, D. H. Rutter, D. S. Scadeng, F. A. W. Sessions, L. H. Shumate, M. Stahl, J. J. Treadwell, and Probationers, Frank A. Hamilton and L. B. C. Moffat.

Question Sixteen—"Who have died" was asked. Earl D. Holtz.

By the request of the Bishop, G. H. Northrop led the Conference in prayer.

Organization—D. H. Rutter was re-elected secretary and by consent of the Conference named D. S. Scadeng as his assistant.

William Landiss having been elected treasurer at the last preceding session appointed R. J. Derr as his assistant.

W. T. Evans who was elected statistician at the last preceding session named as his assistants, R. N. Merrill and F. W. Sessions.

Press Reporter—S. E. Lawhon was elected press reporter, and R. N. Merrill was elected to report the proceedings of the Conference to the Christian Advocate.

Agents—Lawrence Radcliffe was elected agent for the Methodist Review and Alfred Evenden for the Advocate Journal.

Book Concern Accounts—F. N. Lapham was elected collector for the Book Concern.

Conference Hours—On motion of the Pastor, the hours of opening the sessions was fixed at 9 A. M. and for closing at 12 M.

Conference Bar—By vote the first four rows of seats were constituted the bar of the Conference.

Question Two—"Who have been received by Transfer and from what Conference" was asked. A. J. Price, Southwest Kansas, G. B. Thomas, New England Southern, L. A. Griggs, Northern New York, Foster W. Taylor, Troy, W. I. Powell, Alabama Conference, C. G. Nelson, North Indiana Conference.

Question Fifteen—"Who have been Transferred and to what Conference" was asked. H. H. Black, in studies of the Second Year to the Troy Conference, J. C. Wilson, Kansas Conference, C. J. Hammitt, Alabama Conference.

Drafts—The Bishop presented two drafts, one of which was from the Chartered Fund for \$35.00 and the other from the Book Concern for \$268.00, and Dr. E. S. Idleman reported \$565.88 from Conference Investments, all of which on motion were ordered received and placed in the Treasurer's hands.

Question Fourteen—"Was the Character of each preacher examined" was asked. The name of J. J. Treadwell was called, his character was passed and he made his report of the Jacksonville District.

The names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their work: R. J. Derr, J. J. Ellington, W. T. Evans, J. R. Hoch, F. A. W. Sessions, S. E. Idleman, W. S. Gray, F. N. Lapham, G. B. Thomas, William Landiss, A. J. Price, Harry Ingham, Alfred Evenden.

The following supplies reported their work: W. E. Searles, B. F. Gooden, Edwin G. Tomkinson also reported the Livingston Memorial work.

The name of Dr. L. H. Shumate was called, his character was passed and he made his report of the Tampa District.

The names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their work: P. E. Ramsy, E. L. Housley.

Referred to the Committee on Conference Relations—At his own request, the case of W. T. Evans was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, he asking for the Retired relation.

On motion of J. J. Treadwell, the case of O. T. Usleman was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations to report back to the Conference.

Supplies—On motion of J. J. Treadwell, the Supplies were invited to sit within the Conference bar.

Telegram of Sympathy—On motion, the Conference ordered the

Secretary to send a telegram to Brother L. A. Griggs welcoming him into the Conference and expressing our sympathy in his illness.

Introductions—The following brethren were introduced to the Conference: J. J. Ellington, Harry Ingham, A. J. Price, George B. Thomas, J. C. Nelson, J. T. W. Steward, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this City, F. B. Britten, Pastor of the Baptist Church in Lake Worth and Dr. S. B. Goff, a member of the Philadelphia Conference.

Announcements—Announcements were made by various officers of the Conference and by the Pastor.

Benediction—The Benediction was given by M. Stahl.

SECOND SESSION—SECOND DAY

Thursday, April 19, 1923.

Devotional Exercises—At 9 A. M. Bishop Richardson called the Conference to order. Hymn No. 408, "Lead On, O King Eternal" was sung and then a few verses from Colossians I, read, the Bishop emphasizing strongly and helpfully that a professing Christian should be filled with the knowledge of God's will, wisely and with understanding, walking worthily, very fruitful, and with knowledge of God ever increasing.

After prayer, the devotional exercises closed with Hymn No. 545.

Approval of the Journal—The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Introductions—W. I. Powell, Dr. W. S. Bovard, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Rev. W. E. Smith, of the New York East Conference, agent for the Near East Relief, and Rev. John Dennis of Homestead were introduced to the Conference.

Question Fourteen Resumed—The name of R. A. Carnine was called, his character passed and he read his report of the Miami District.

The following Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their work: O. M. Freeman, S. E. Lawhon, D. S. Scadeng, D. H. Rutter, L. Radcliffe, G. W. Carlin, N. H. Kendall.

The following supplies also reported their work: W. J. Carter, J. O. Jameson, E. I. Getman, Robert Smylie.

L. B. C. Moffat, a Probationer, reported his work.

Characters Passed—The character of J. F. Pickard, P. S. Merrill, L. S. Rader and M. Stahl was passed. Dr. Rader and Dr. Merrill each addressed the Conference briefly.

On motion of D. H. Rutter, the following was adopted: in view of the fact that Dr. R. A. Carnine is now completing his fiftieth year of active ministerial work, he be requested to deliver a Semi-Centennial reminiscent address of thirty minutes duration at this afternoon's session.

Standing Committees—The standing committees were nominated by the District Superintendents and elected by the Conference. (See committees).

Order of the Day—The following report of the committee on the "Ten Year's Program" was presented by Dr. S. E. Idleman and on his motion, seconded by D. H. Rutter, was unanimously adopted:

"Your committee created at the session of the St. Johns River Annual Conference held in St. Cloud, January, 1922, to consider the advisability of a Ten Year's Program for the Conference to include:

- (1) A Conference Claimant's Endowment Fund of \$100,000.
- (2) One or more fully equipped Methodist Hospitals.
- (3) An Educational Institution worthy of our church would report as follows:

WE OBSERVE

1. That these three interests are all of great significance to the work of our church in the St. Johns River Conference.

2. That the three projects named differ so much in kind that a difference in the mode of procedure seems advisable.

3. The nature and needs of the Conference Claimants Endowment Fund together with the tardiness of this Conference to create an adequate fund as compared with the provisions made by other conferences, leads us to recommend:

(1) That preference be given to this fund over any church movement making demands for funds from this conference.

(2) That an efficient man be placed in the field at as early a date as possible to create this fund and that every assistance possible be enlisted for him by both ministers and laymen.

(3) That when this had been satisfactorily completed the other two projects be given our best consideration according to the requirements of each at that time."

S. E. Idleman,
Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Conference Relations—At his own request, the case of Dr. P. S. Merrill was referred to the committee on Conference Relations, he desiring to retire.

On motion of S. E. Idleman, a committee of seven was appointed to perfect the action of the committee on ten year's program and carry out the provisions of their report. The following were appointed: S. E. Idleman, R. N. Merrill, D. H. Rutter, J. J. Treadwell, C. M. Fuller, R. L. Selden, J. S. Maxwell.

On motion of S. E. Idleman, the following was adopted: that when an agent is appointed to raise the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund, he shall be given the heartiest cooperation by the pastor, who will be expected to make careful survey of his field before the arrival of the agent.

On motion of D. H. Rutter, a letter from W. Keisling, relative

to founding a Restorium near Lake Stearns was referred to the committee on the Ten Year's Program.

Announcements—Announcements were made by chairmen of various standing committees and by the pastor.

Benediction—The Benediction was pronounced by Dr. P. S. Merrill.

THIRD SESSION—SECOND DAY

Thursday, April 19, 1923.

The third session was called at 1:30 P. M. by Bishop Richardson who announced Hymn No. 207, "The Church's One Foundation" which was sung.

Dr. Robert Smylie then led the Conference in prayer.

Approval of the Journal—The journal of the morning's session was read and approved.

Episcopal Fund—On motion of R. A. Carnine the Episcopal Fund apportionment was referred to the District Superintendents for apportionment to the charges.

Question Twenty Five—"Who are the Triers of appeals" was asked. P. S. Merrill, J. F. Pickard, W. T. Evans, G. H. Northrop, William Landiss; Reserves: D. S. Scadeng, G. W. Carlin.

Question Eighteen—"Who have been located" was asked. None.

Question Nineteen—"Who have withdrawn" was asked. None.

Question Twenty—"Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints," was asked. None.

Question Twenty One—"Who have been expelled" was asked. None.

Question Fourteen Resumed—The Following Elders reported their work: R. N. Merrill, W. I. Powell.

The following supplies reported their work: W. F. Ernsberger, J. W. Johnson.

Letter of Appreciation—On motion of S. E. Lawhon, the Secretary of the Conference was ordered to send a letter to Mrs. Edwin Nelson of Miami expressing gratitude for her munificent gift made through the Miami Church in the interest of the education of our youth.

Livingston Mission Fund Report—Brother Charles W. Kinne presented the report of the Livingston Mission fund which on motion was received and ordered printed in the minutes. (See report).

Conference Endowment Fund—C. W. Kinne presented the report of the Permanent fund for Conference Claimants and this also on motion was ordered received and printed in the minutes. (See report).

Tampa Property Fund—Mr. C. W. Kinne presented the report

on the Tampa Property fund which was received and ordered printed in the minutes. (See Report).

Introduction—Rev. M. E. Myers, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Boynton, was introduced to the Conference.

Semi-Centennial Address—Dr. R. A. Carnine delivered a most interesting reminiscent address covering his fifty years of active ministry.

Communication from J. F. Pickard—A letter from J. F. Pickard was read regretting his inability to be present at the Conference. He requested the Conference to grant him a Sabbatical year. His request was granted and a telegram ordered sent regretting the necessity for his absence and expressing sympathy.

Question Thirty Six—"Where shall the next Conference be held" was asked. Winter Park.

By motion, thanks were extended to Miami and St. Petersburg for invitations given to Conference to hold the 1924 session in those cities.

On motion of R. A. Carnine, it was ordered that there be inserted in the minutes, in some prominent place, the percentages for Ministerial Support required from the charges on salaries for the current year.

Question One—"Is the Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline" was asked. Yes.

Corporate Session—On motion of S. E. Idleman, the Conference was declared in corporate session.

By vote of the Conference, six laymen were elected as members of the corporation, two each, for one, two and three years, respectively.

The following were elected: W. H. Thurber (1), W. P. Gregory (1), F. B. Noble (2), L. E. Williams (2), C. W. Kinne (3), J. I. Conklin (3).

On motion, the corporate session was declared adjourned.

Question Three—"Who have been re-admitted" was asked. None.

Question Four—"Who have been received on Credentials and from what Churches" was asked. None.

Question Seventeen—"Who have been located at their own request" was asked. None.

Conference Minutes—The Secretary read his report of the Conference Minutes fund and moved that the charges be assessed one half of one per cent of pastor's cash salary to pay for the publication of the minutes, which motion prevailed, and on motion it was ordered that effective men not in the pastorate be requested to pay five dollars each for the same cause.

Benediction—Dr. G. B. Thomas pronounced the Benediction.

FOURTH SESSION—THIRD DAY

Friday, April 20, 1923.

Devotional Exercises—Hymn No. 489, "He Leadeth Me" was sung, and W. F. Ernsberger lead in prayer.

Approval of the Journal—The journal of Thursday afternoon's session was read and approved.

Question Six—"Who have been continued on trial" was asked.

(a) In studies of the First year. L. C. B. Moffat was continued in the studies of the First year.

(b) Frank A. Hamilton was continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the Second year.

On motion of Dr. R. A. Carnine, it was requested that L. B. C. Moffat be left without appointment to attend one of our schools and the same request was made in the case of B. F. Gooden, both of which requests were granted.

Question Five—"Who have been received on trial" was asked.

With proper representation by the District Superintendent, the Conference Relations committee, the Board of Examiners and his Quarterly Conference, Benjamin Franklin Gooden was received.

(b) None.

Question Six—(c) "Who have been continued on Trial in the studies of the Third year," was asked. None.

Question Six—(d) In studies on the Fourth year. None.

Question Seven—"Who have been discontinued" was asked. None.

Question Eight—"Who have been admitted into full Membership" was asked. None.

Question Nine—"What Members are in studies of the Third year" was asked. None.

Question Ten—"What Members are in studies of the Fourth year" was asked. None.

Question Eleven—"What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study" was asked. None.

Question Twelve—"What others have been elected and ordained Deacons" was asked. None.

Question Thirteen—"What others have been elected and ordained Elders" was asked. None.

State Board of Sunday Schools—H. A. Naberhuis was appointed to represent the Conference on the State Board of Sunday Schools.

Public Welfare Legislation—Mrs. D. P. Council, the State Chairman of the Public Welfare department of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, representing 14,000 women of the State, was in-

troduced to the Conference and spoke of her efforts to procure legislation in the interests of public welfare.

Birthday Anniversary—W. S. Gray in a poetic effusion, called attention to the fact that this was the anniversary of the birthday of D. Stratford Scadeng. The Conference extended congratulations and ordered the effusion included in the minutes.

“Born in old England, in the U. S. to stay,
We tell a secret, Scadeng’s birthday.

Blessings upon thee, Brother beloved,
Honored by men, and by Heaven approved,
Bask in God’s sunshine, down by the sea,
Preach the glad tidings setting men free.

Live long, our brother, here among men,
Then live in Glory, forever, Amen!”

—(W. S. Gray).

Question Twenty Two—“What other Personal Notation should be made” was asked. The Credentials of James L. Jones, an Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were recognized.

Question Twenty Four—“Who are the Retired Ministers” was asked. L. S. Rader, M. Stahl, and G. H. Northrop whose characters were passed and they were continued in the same relation. At their own request and by recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, the Retired relation was granted to Dr. P. S. Merrill and W. T. Evans.

Special Appointments—The Conference requested the Bishop to appoint O. T. Usleman as Secretary of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia.

Referred to the Committee on Conference Relations—The case of G. E. Bennett was referred to the Committee on Conference relations.

Question Twenty Three—“Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation” was asked. William J. Carter (3).

On motion made and seconded, the Secretary was ordered to write to W. J. Carter, O. T. Usleman and G. E. Bennett informing them that unless they shall present sufficient evidence at the next session to justify the Conference in continuing them in their present relation, they will be requested to take work in the Conference or be located.

Report from the Sunday School Committee—On motion, the standing committee on Sunday Schools was requested to bring in a report.

Order of the Day—Dr. M. W. Ehnes delivered an address in the interests of the New World program, the subject being “Our Advance—Or World Service; Program Historical.” Dr. W. S. Bovard followed with an address on the subject: “Strengthening the Local Church.”

Introductions—Rev. F. W. E. Story of the Canadian Methodist Church, Dr. F. W. Sheldon of the Board of Education, Dr. Harry Farmer, Dr. M. P. Burns, Dr. N. E. Davis, Dr. A. A. Brown, Dr. H. P. Dudley, Dr. C. R. Buck, of the Genesee Conference and C. A. Titus were introduced.

Announcements—The announcements were made by Chairmen of various committees and the Benediction pronounced by Dr. M. P. Burns.

FIFTH SESSION—THIRD DAY

Friday Afternoon, April 20, 1923.

D. H. Rutter, acting by appointment of the Bishop, called the Conference to order and announced Hymn No. 180, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," which was sung. The Rev. Addyman Smith offered prayer.

Approval of the Journal—The journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Excused—The Conference excused Dr. P. S. Merrill and R. N. Merrill from further attendance after the close of the afternoon session.

Addresses—Dr. W. F. Sheldon delivered an address entitled "Training Christian Leaders." Dr. M. P. Burns delivered an address on the subject, "Saving America through our New Home Missions."

Reports—The Reports of the following Standing committees were read and adopted: Education, Sunday Schools, Book Concern. (See reports.)

Announcements—Announcements were made by the Pastor.

Benediction—The Benediction was given by E. I. Getman.

SIXTH SESSION—FOURTH DAY

Saturday, April 21, 1923.

Opening—Hymn No. 332, "Thou My Everlasting Portion," was sung, and prayer was offered by E. E. Reynolds.

Journal—The journal of the preceding session was read and approved.

Question Twenty Eight—"What is the statistical report" was asked. W. T. Evans read his report showing gratifying increases in most departments. (See report.)

Conference Minutes—On motion of Dr. Price, a plan to indicate by a heavy type notice upon the opening page of the minutes that the record contained therein is for fifteen months was endorsed and in addition it was ordered that this be further indicated by the use of asterisks and foot notes on the statistical pages.

Introductions—Dr. Arlo A. Brown, President of the Chattanooga University, was introduced to the Conference and delivered a brief address in the interests of the University.

There were also introduced Foster W. Taylor, who has been transferred from the Troy Conference, L. B. Clark of the Holston Conference and Dr. C. H. Summers, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at West Palm Beach.

Question Two Resumed—"Who have been received by Transfer and from what Conference" was asked. Jesse L. Murrell, from the Illinois Conference.

Question Twenty Nine—"What is the Conference Treasurer's report" was asked. William Landiss read his report as Treasurer revealing gratifying items of increase. (See Report).

Question Thirty—(a) "What is the aggregate of the Benevolence collections ordered by the General Conference as reported by the Conference Treasurer," was asked. \$48,441.

Question Thirty—(b) "What is the aggregate of the Benevolence collections ordered by the Annual Conference as reported by the Conference Treasurer," was asked. \$16,542.

On motion of Dr. L. H. Shumate, the Bishop was requested to grant a year's leave of absence to E. L. Housley.

Endowment Fund, Field Agent—On motion of J. J. Treadwell, it was made the understanding of the Conference that the Field Agent to be appointed in the interests of the Conference Permanent Fund, should be guaranteed a term of not less than two years.

And on motion of Dr. Idleman, his remuneration was fixed at twenty five hundred dollars a year (\$2500) with an allowance not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for expenses in connection with the work. A further motion was also carried that uninvested funds, already in the hands of the Treasurer of the Permanent Fund be made available toward this support.

Question Twenty Six—"What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension" was asked. On motion the report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was ordered printed in full in the minutes. (See Report).

Question Twenty Seven—"What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions" was asked. No report.

Corporate Session

On motion of Dr. Idleman, the Conference was declared in Corporate session. A letter was read from Dr. John A. Richmond announcing a gift of One Thousand Dollars as a foundation for a "Richmond Church Extension Loan Fund of the St. Johns River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church." On motion of S. E. Idleman, the gift was accepted to be used according to the stipulated provisions.

The Conference ordered the Secretary to write a letter of thanks to Dr. Richmond. By vote of the Conference, the corporate session was closed.

Reports—The following reports were presented by committees

and adopted by the Conference: Apportioned Benevolences, Evangelism, Sabbath Observance, Temperance.

Report of Conference Relations Committee—In the case of G. E. Bennett, the Bishop was requested to appoint him to the Boy Scout Executive work of Polk Co., Fla.

Church Location Committee Named—(See list).

Edit Minutes—On motion, the secretaries were instructed to edit the minutes in the interests of economy.

Official Journal—On motion the secretary was authorized to publish the minutes and that the same be the Official record of the Conference.

Minute Fund—The Conference ordered the District Superintendents to hand down at the First Quarterly Conference to each local charge, for the expense of the publication of the minutes, the assessed amount of one half of one per cent of the Pastor's cash salary for the current year.

Treasurer and Statistician Elected—William Landiss was re-elected Treasurer and F. W. Sessions was elected Statistician for the ensuing year.

Church Location—On motion of S. E. Idleman, all pastors, Boards of Trustees and Quarterly Conferences were instructed to strictly observe the requirement of Paragraph 448 in the Discipline of 1920 relating to the selection of new Church locations before building or extensively repairing any church.

State Sunday School Board—On motion, H. L. Seymour, of Jacksonville, was elected a member of the State Sunday School Board, if it should be found that the Conference is entitled to more than one representative, if not, he to serve as Reserve.

Adjournment—By motion, the Conference adjourned until one P. M.

Benediction—The Benediction was given by Dr. C. H. Summers.

SEVENTH SESSION—FOURTH DAY.

Saturday P. M., April 21, 1923.

Opening—After Hymn No. 128. "We May Not Climb the Heavenly Steeps," had been sung, W. T. Evans led the Conference in prayer.

Journal—The journal of the preceding session was read and approved.

Question Thirty One—"What are the claims on the Conference Funds" was asked. For Annuity Distribution 325 years multiplied by the disciplinary rate of \$21.00 a year, \$6,835. For Necessitous distribution \$600.00, total \$7,435.00.

Question Thirty Two—(a) "What has been received on these Claims" was asked. From the Book Concern, \$268, From Annual

Conference investments, \$565.88, From the Chartered Fund, \$35.00, From Pastoral charges, \$3962.87, From the Board of Conference Claimants, \$600, total, \$5499.00.

(b) "How has it been applied," was asked. (See report of the Board of Stewards).

Question Thirty Four—"What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief" was asked. \$88.00.

Question Thirty Three—"What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference to be raised for the support of Conference Claimants," was asked. \$6000.00 to be apportioned by the District Superintendents.

Motion was made and carried to adopt the report of the Board of Stewards and print the same in the minutes.

Introductions—Mrs. Woodmancy, representing the cause of Temperance and Prison Reform was introduced and spoke briefly of this work.

W. R. Hill, the Superintendent of the State Sunday School Association also spoke for a few minutes.

On motion, the Auditing committee was instructed to publish their report in the minutes.

Conference Quartet—On motion of W. S. Gray, the newly organized quartet was constituted the official Conference Quartet.

Offering for Sexton—The offering for Sexton was received amounting to \$14.30.

Adjournment—On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 4 P. M. on Sunday to transact any necessary items of business and to hear the reading of the appointments.

Benediction—The Benediction was pronounced by Dr. M. Stahl.

EIGHTH SESSION—FIFTH DAY

Sunday P. M., April 22, 1923.

Bishop Richardson called the session at 4 P. M.

On motion, the secretary was instructed to print the minutes without further reading.

Resolution—William Landiss offered the following resolution which was adopted by the Conference:

Whereas, This Conference has asked for the appointment of a Field Secretary to secure for the Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants the sum of \$100.000 and, Whereas, We recognize the magnitude of this undertaking:

Therefore. Be it resolved: That every pastor in this Conference pledges himself to open every possible door to the man who is going forth to try to secure this money and to render him every other assistance in his power,

Question Five Resumed—Edwin G. Tomkinson received on Trial.

Presentation Made to Bishop Richardson—D. H. Rutter, in behalf of the Conference, presented the Bishop with \$26.00, it being the twenty-sixth anniversary of his marriage.

Question Two Resumed—Addyman Smith, West Ohio Conference, Luther B. Clarke, Holston Conference.

Report of Committee on Resolutions—The committee on Resolutions read its report which on motion was adopted. (See Report).

Adjournment—On motion of D. H. Rutter, the Conference voted to adjourn after the reading of the appointments.

Appointments—After a very appropriate address, the Bishop read the appointments, pronounced the Benediction and the Conference adjourned sine die.

We Hereby Certify that the foregoing is a correct report of the proceedings of the thirty-seventh session of the St. Johns River Conference, and that it was adopted as the official journal of the same.

E. G. RICHARDSON, Bishop.

D. H. RUTTER, Secretary.

Anniversaries and Other Services

Tuesday, April 17, 1923

- 7:30 P. M.—Bishop E. G. Richardson delivered a most inspiring lecture entitled, "Present World Conditions and the Church's Duty."

Wednesday, April 18th

- 2:00 P. M.—Missionary Sermon. The Rev. Lawrence Radcliffe.
3:30 P. M.—Ministers' Wives' Association.
7:30 P. M.—Address: The Triangle of Life. Dr. Arthur Price.

Thursday, April 19th

- 4:00 P. M.—Anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Address: By Dr. W. S. Bovard.
7:30 P. M.—Address: To Serve the Present Age. Bishop E. G. Richardson.

Friday, April 20th

- 10:00 A. M.—Address: Our Advance—or World Service—Program Historical. Dr. M. W. Ehnes.
11:00 A. M.—Address: Strengthening the Local Church. Dr. W. S. Bovard.
2 P. M.—Address: Training Christian Leaders. Dr. W. F. Sheldon.
3:00 P. M.—Address: Saving America through our New Home Missions. Dr. M. P. Burns.
7:30 P. M.—Address: Our Over-Seas Work. Dr. Harry Farmer.

Saturday, April 21st

- 2:00 P. M.—Anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Address: Dr. George B. Thomas.
7:30 P. M.—Address: Lay Activities. Mr. C. A. Titus.

Sunday, April 22nd

- 9:30 A. M.—Conference Love Feast. Conducted by Dr. L. S. Rader.
10:30 A. M.—Conference Sermon.
Bishop E. G. Richardson, D. D., LL. D.
2:30 P. M.—Memorial Service.
The Rev. D. Stratford Scadeng, Presiding.
Address: By Dr. S. E. Idleman.
7:30 P. M.—Address: My Country: What of Thee? Dr. George B. Thomas.

Laymens Association

Lake Worth, Fla., April 21, 1923.

The Laymen's Association of the St. Johns River Conference met in regular session with twenty-two members present.

Mr. C. A. Titus, President of the Laymen's Association of the Georgia Conference gave a very clear and impressive talk on the work of the Laymen and of the necessity of the organization of a Laymen's Association. On motion made and carried, the body at once organized the Laymen's Association of the St. Johns River Conference.

P. S. Cleveland of Tarpon Springs was made Secretary Pro Tem.

Election followed resulting as follows: President, H. O. Sebring, Sebring, Fla.; Secretary-Treasurer, C. B. Allen, St. Petersburg; Vice Presidents, Group 1, C. W. Kinne, Jacksonville; Group 2, J. B. Zeall, Winter Park; Group 3, H. C. Longstreet, Coronado Beach; Group 4, J. S. Maxwell, Miami; Group 5, P. S. Cleveland, Tarpon Springs.

The motion was made and carried that the Constitution suggested and offered by C. A. Titus, be accepted in full. (See Constitution attached.)

On motion the secretary was instructed to furnish a copy of our minutes to the secretary of the St. Johns River Conference to be published in the Conference minutes.

The motion was made and carried that the newly elected President of the Laymen's Association be furnished with a copy of the groupings of the several different groups.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

P. S. Cleveland, Secy. Pro Tem,
Tarpon Springs.

Constitution of the Laymen's Association of St. John's River Conference.

ARTICLE I

Conference Grouping

For the purpose of The Laymen's Association of St. John's River Conference, the State of Florida shall be divided into Five Groups as follows:—

1st Group—Hastings, Fairfield, Livingston Memorial, Perry Ave. and Arlington, Snyder Memorial, South Jacksonville, Lake Como Circuit, Lawtey, St. Augustine.

2nd Group—Bellevue and Candler, Eustis, Fruitland Park and Okahumpka, Mt. Dora, Orlando, St. Cloud, Taft, Winter Park.

3rd Group—Coronado, Daytona, Daytona Beach, DeLand, Eau Gallie, Indian River City and Georgiana, Melbourne, New Smyrna, Orange City.

4th Group—Little River, Allapata, Cocoanut Grove, Davie, Fellsmere, Florida City, Hialeah, Fort Lauderdale, Homestead, Lake Worth, Larkin, Miami, Redlands, Rock Harbor, Wabasso, West Palm Beach, Belle Glade, Canal Point.

5th Group—Davenport and Brown Chapel, Oldsmar, Port Richey, St. Petersburg, Sebring, Tarpon Springs, Zephyrhills, Fort Myers Circuit, Gulf Circuit, Moore Haven Circuit, Moore Haven, Ritta, Bare Beach and Nine Mile Point, South Bay Circuit, Hillsborough, Okeelanta and St. Lucie Canal, Tampa.

ARTICLE II

Name

This Association shall be known as the Laymen's Association of the St. John's River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

Object

The object of this Association is to enhance and perpetuate the influence of the Methodist Episcopal Church in its mission of saving men, by promoting Christian fellowship; by familiarizing its members with the history and polity and projects of said Church; by engaging the intelligent and active co-operation therein of the laity of the church; and by such other acts as this association may hereafter deem meet and proper.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Sec. 1. Any Layman who is a member in full connection of the

Methodist Episcopal Church shall be eligible to membership.

Sec. 2. Each charge shall be entitled to two delegates.

Sec. 3. The membership of a delegate shall commence when the credentials of said delegate shall have been received and accepted by the Association, and shall continue until a successor shall have been duly elected and his credentials accepted.

Sec. 4. Delegates to the Association, and Alternates, shall be elected annually at the Fourth Quarterly Conference of each charge.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Sec. 1. The officers of the Association shall be, a President, five Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The officers shall be elected yearly at the Annual Meeting, to hold office and membership until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 3. The duties of the officers shall be such as are usual to their respective offices.

Sec. 4. The Vice-Presidents shall be selected, one from each of the five groups, provided for in the preamble to this Constitution, who shall be responsible for carrying on the work of the Association in their respective groups.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

Sec. 1. There shall be one standing Committee, to be known as the Executive Committee, consisting of the officers of the Association.

Sec. 2. The duties of said Committee shall be to make all necessary arrangements as to place and time of meeting of the Association, to prepare a program of exercises, and perform all other needed work as a Committee of Arrangements.

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall have power to fill vacancies in office caused by resignations, removal from the bounds of Conference or from any other cause.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Sec. 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Association at the time and place of the meeting of the St. John's River Conference, at which all business shall be transacted, and other meetings at the option of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President, with the concurrence of a majority of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any annual business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present; provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the Executive Committee, through the Secretary of the Association, at least ten days before said meeting.

Official copy.

P. S. Cleveland,
Sec. Pro Tem.

Reports of District Superintendents

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT

J. J. Treadwell, Superintendent

For the fourth time it is my privilege and pleasure to report the activities of the Jacksonville district.

Each succeeding year recorded much progress along all lines but the past year is by far the best of the four. One distinguishing feature, of which the superintendent is quite proud, is the fact that in all these four years not one dollar deficit appears against any claim. This was due to the loyalty and devotion of both preachers and laymen.

It seems that all the preachers in Methodism have developed a great desire to get into the work in Florida either by transfer or exchange. It is literally true that dozens of applications are received in the course of a year and from all parts of the country and from men who occupy strong places in their respective Conferences.

Death has entered one parsonage during the past Conference year. At the last session the Rev. Earl D. Holtz was appointed to Tarpon Springs charge. The year before he had served Cocoanut Grove and his moving required a journey of more than five hundred miles. He tarried in Manatee county for a brief visit with some relatives and there he developed a most serious illness which detained him for several weeks. He reached Tarpon Springs on Saturday the 25th of February and preached on the evening of the following day. Immediately after services Dr. Holtz suffered a collapse and was again confined to his bed until the 9th of March when he went to glory. The Rev. G. H. Northrup was prevailed upon to care for the work until the arrival of Dr. A. J. Price from Wesley hospital of Wichita, Kansas. For several years Dr. Price had been president of Port Arthur college and in coming to Tarpon Springs from Wesley hospital he sacrificed about 80% of his salary, coming for about one fifth of what he was accustomed to receive. Dr. Price at once found his way into the homes and hearts of the people but did not let this end his pastoral activities. He joined the Board of Trade, met the business men of the community and at once the leadership in civic affairs was thrust upon him. Our church has been brought into the right kind of prominence by his activities and it is needless to say that the church as an organization is far ahead of the average church of the same grade.

Two little people have come into the homes of pastors during the year. At Eustis the hearts of father and mother were gladdened by the coming of Miss Sarah Jewell Ellington and it is no wonder that Pastor Ellington comes with most excellent reports and a smiling countenance. Eustis has had no better year since the present superintendent has been connected with the district work. Ellington did what was considered the impossible. He raised enough money in pledges in one week to pay for a fine building site for a new church and he comes to report that the total indebtedness is

two thirds removed. While the material things have been well cared for, the things of the Spirit have received the first consideration.

Winter Park is the marvel of the District, if not of the entire Conference. Just a few years ago, to be exact, just eight years ago, the Official Board petitioned the district superintendent not to send them a pastor as they would be unable to pay a preacher any salary. Recently the Official Board set the pastor's salary at a sum second to only one charge in the entire Conference and in addition to this they have almost completed a handsome church and parsonage valued at fifty thousand dollars. A remarkable thing about the whole matter is the fact that no new resources have been added, just latent resources have been developed. Hundreds have been turned away because of the lack of room and Dr. Harry Ingham has preached to, probably, more literary men and college men than any man in the Conference. Dr. Ingham came from Calvary church of New York city at the last conference after having served a term of years as pastor of our English speaking church in India. It was into the parsonage at Winter Park that there came the second little one, except that he came first. George Bowne Ingham has been dedicated to the people of India to heal their bodies and to lead them to Christ. Truly the Official Board of Winter Park is composed of men and women of faith and vision and under the peerless leadership of Dr. Ingham have built for posterity a place of worship worthy of the name of Methodism.

Dr. P. S. Merrill was received on trial in the Philadelphia Conference in 1876 and after forty three years of splendid service received the retired relation. One year later he was prevailed upon to be restored to active service and was appointed to Sebring. One needs only to compare statistics to find that Dr. Merrill did an unusually fine work at Sebring. All indebtedness was removed and a fine pipe organ was installed and people were built up in faith and right living. At the last annual session Dr. Merrill consented to his re-appointment to Sebring with the distinct understanding that he would be relieved as soon as the Bishop found the proper man. Bishop Richardson found the proper man in the person of the Rev. L. A. Griggs who came the first of last October. He found a fine organization and also found people who were willing to accept an advance program. Dr. Grigg at once made his plans and they came to fruition in a beautiful way but serious sickness has confined him to his room for many weeks. During that time his fine faithful and loyal co-workers have carried on his plans and while Dr. Griggs is denied the privilege of attending Conference he sends in the most excellent reports. I am glad to state that he is on the road to recovery and we trust will shortly be ready for active service again.

Port Richey, located about ten miles north of Tarpon Springs will be better known in the future than now but the time is not as far distant as some thought. The Rev. B. F. Gooden, who comes into Conference on Trial, has served as pastor and comes to Conference with creditable reports. All claims first met and with much improvement in the property. The auditorium at Port Richey is not very large but they can boast of a pipe organ. A winter resident recently gave them an excellent instrument and another gave them an individual communion set. The people have recently

installed new pews and electric lights and have decorated the interior of the church edifice. Brother Gooden would be cordially received should he be re-appointed to Port Richey but he will ask to be left without an appointment to attend one of our schools.

The church at St. Petersburg measures its activities only by its capacity. The Rev. E. E. Reynold was appointed to the charge at the last Conference. The first thing the Official Board did was to increase his salary by sixteen per cent and recently the estimating committee fixed the salary at more than 20% of any previous year. Another splendid thing was done for Dr. Reynolds. A year ago at Easter time the men of the church gave him a fine automobile. With a Sunday school of more than 1200 and a prayer meeting of more than 1000 with large and appreciative congregations both summer and winter. Dr. Reynolds is doing a most excellent type of work in his parish. His entire Board invites him to serve another year.

W. E. Searles has served as pastor of Belleview and Candler. He believes that church property in every community should be kept in the very best possible condition and as a result the churches and parsonages at both Belleview and Candler have been renovated and repainted during the past year. This does not, however, represent all the activities. The membership has been increased, and the people have been taught to live better lives, and a finer spirit of co-operation was never known on the charge. All claims are met and more than met.

The District Superintendent has had to discipline but one man on the district and he did that reluctantly and found no pleasure in the task. Some of the officials of Zephyrhills came to me and said, "If you do not do something to stop him, our preacher is going to kill himself with over-work." On investigation I found that Brother Evenden was putting in from twelve to eighteen hours each day. I insisted that he put up a sign reading, "From 11:00 P. M. to 11:00 A. M. belongs to the pastor. Please call later." It had some effect but not much. I do not know of any man who puts in as many hours as Alfred Evenden at Zephyrhills. He comes to the Conference with his Centenary so far over paid for the full five years that he has almost forgotten his original quota. A fine recreational hall has been erected. Many souls have been saved, and names added to the church roster. He held his own revival with many conversions. An old man 76 years of age found the altar and forgiveness for his sins. Truly this has been a good year for Zephyrhills.

We have a lawyer in St. Cloud who is mayor of the city, Secretary of the Board of Trade. He is also pastor of our church at Davenport, Pastor of the church at Taft, has held four revivals, all successful, during the year and incidentally has practiced his profession. L. M. Parker is the preacher-lawyer referred to. The Official Boards at both Davenport and Taft have promised that if Parker is returned to them for another year they will increase his salary sixty per cent in one case and 100% in the other.

Speaking of St. Cloud, William Landiss is looked upon as being indispensable. Brother Landiss ministers to scores of old civil war veterans and he has learned how to approach them in such a way

as to help them. Our church is the outstanding church of the city and it is due largely to the activities of the present pastor. During the past Conference year he has also acted as pastor of Brown's Chapel and with fine success. The work at this out-point is not large but in the years to come when that vast expanse of prairie land is settled and cultivated and when scores of peoples are living within the sound of the bell then will this church fill its place in the community which it never could have done, were it not for this small beginning. It would not be right to omit the names of the Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Brown, some saintly people who by their generosity made this work possible.

Lake Como has been served by several different pastors during the year. Four supplies have acted and yet reports from the charge show all claims paid in full and a fine showing made along benevolent lines. Nowhere on the district can be found finer men and women to carry on the work in the absence of a pastor.

Hastings put all her eggs in one basket. Thousands of acres are planted to potatoes every year and when the frost and excessive rains do not come, then the people are prosperous. In our Methodist church, however, are to be found people who do not depend upon the presence or absence of rain or frost for their support. During the past few months when it looked as if an unusually prosperous season was to be had, the frost came and reduced the yield, but the Rev. J. R. Hoch comes to Conference with all claims paid in full and some over paid. If every charge could boast of as fine quality of laymen as are to be found in the church at Hastings the Kingdom of God would expand rapidly.

Probably for the first time in the history of the church, people are sitting in the gallery in Grace church of St. Augustine at a regular service and when nothing special is on. The Rev. J. F. Pickard was forced by illness to give up the task and the Rev. George Brown Thomas of Providence, R. I., was secured for the place. Dr. Thomas arrived on a certain Friday which happened to be the thirteenth day of the month and in as heavy rain as usually falls in Florida. The family wondered if there was anything in that Friday the 13th business or not, but from a testimony I heard from the representative of the family a few weeks ago, I am constrained to believe that they have come to the conclusion that it is a lucky omen instead of unlucky. One of the original members of the church recently testified, "We have the largest congregations in the history of the church and our church was never in such good condition, both spiritually and financially." A fine advance program has been adopted for the coming year. Incidentally a large increase in salary is also provided.

Fairfield church in Jacksonville has a pastor who has a proper understanding of his duty to his laymen. The Rev. F. W. Sessions believes in developing his laymen in every possible way and he is succeeding in a fine manner. Last year they built a large and commodious parsonage, nicely furnished and proper appointments. They made all plans to pay for it through the different channels of church activity and the laymen are taking the work seriously and as a result Pastor Sessions has developed fine leadership among them. It is an easy matter to turn the prayer meeting over to them

and always with satisfactory results. Fairfield has made fine advance along all lines during the year.

The Rev. O. T. Usleman left his charge, Livingston Memorial, and the Rev. E. G. Tomkinson was secured to finish out the year. Although prospects were not promising when he arrived on the ground, he went at his task in a way that was sure to bring results. He brought things to order and his people have rallied to the work in a great way. The Sunday school shows a large increase over other years and every claim is paid in full. Brother Tomkinson has the genius for raising money and during the three months he has been on the work has raised more than half of the obligation due to building a new church. On April 9th, 1922, Bishop Richardson dedicated the new church on the corner of 21st and Main streets in Jacksonville. We have a fine edifice and with pastoral leadership it will come to its proper place in the community.

Another dedication occurred just across the river from Jacksonville. At Gilmore the District Superintendent dedicated a church and since then the class has grown and prospered under the leadership of the Rev. R. J. Derr who is also pastor of Arlington. At Arlington the people built an addition to their church to be used for Sunday school purposes. Rev. Derr has had a fine year. He reports 100% in some cases. His people earnestly request his re-appointment.

The Rev. W. T. Evans will ask that his name be placed on the retired list. Brother Evans has served Fruitland Park and Okahumpka and has placed the charge upon sound and substantial foundations. His people love him and are reluctant to see him leave but acquiesce because it is to his interest. All claims at both places have been met and another distinction is that the full five year Centenary quota is paid. It seems that Goldsmith in The Deserted Village had a vision of such an incident when he said:—

“O blest retirement, friend to life’s decline—
How blest is he who crowns, in shades like these,
A youth of labour with an age of ease.”

Perry Avenue has been faithfully supplied by the Rev. W. C. White and while statistics may not appear large the labor behind them all means much more. All claims were met in full with some benevolent offering.

Dr. C. J. Hammitt was appointed to Lawtey at the last session of Conference and later exchanged with the Rev. W. I. Powell. Recently, at the Fourth Quarterly Conference the testimony of one most interested was to the effect that the church had just as well close up if Dr. Powell was not returned. Lawtey has been very unfortunate in the last few years from an agricultural viewpoint but the people are hopeful and feel that under the leadership of Dr. Powell they will yet come to larger activities.

One of the choice places in Florida is Mt. Dora. Situated in a county of fourteen hundred lakes, surrounded by hills, high Florida hills, it is truly beautiful for situation and our church in Mt.

Dora under the pastorate of the Rev. F. N. Lapham contributes largely to the delightful conditions of the community. Not content with one day a week activity the pastor organized a Community Forum and in other ways the whole community life has been touched by the influence of the church. The presence of our presiding Bishop and his family in Mt. Dora is a testimony to its fine qualities and salubrious climate.

Snyder Memorial is situated at the cross roads of travel in Florida. People move into Jacksonville, first find a church home at Snyder and after a few weeks or months when permanently located they ask for their letters and move on to permanent affiliation.

It requires two accessions each year for Snyder to hold its own. Some years a much larger number of accessions is recorded while other years will show less than the required number. The important place of Snyder Memorial is to serve the transient. Located contiguous to the large hotels of the city the congregations are made up of people who are but passing through. Dr. S. E. Idleman, the pastor, will probably preach to more different people in the course of a year than any pastor in the Conference. The testimony of the officiary is that the pastor is touching the whole city life and ministering especially to those without a church home. Dr. Idleman will make an excellent report of his year's activities.

South Jacksonville charge is noted for several things. The piety of her people and more especially the sacrificial giving of her members. The Sunday school will average more than 10c per member per Sunday. The Rev. Walter S. Gray might grow eloquent in telling of the superlative character of his laymen and still not become extravagant. They really are unusually fine people. Plans are on foot to erect during the coming summer a beautiful church edifice costing approximately 50,000 dollars. At the Fourth Quarterly Conference much genuine enthusiasm was shown and out of this will come a great advance along all lines.

In conclusion I would register my appreciation of the kindness and brotherliness of Bishop Richardson, would thank the brethren for their loyalty and zeal, and the fine laymen of the entire district for their part in the achievements of the year.

I am happy to state that the Jacksonville district leads all Methodism in the payment of the Episcopal claim and is well up among the leaders in the retired ministers fund and within sight of the top in the Centenary payments.

MIAMI DISTRICT

R. A. Carnine, Superintendent

Thirteen years ago—in 1910—one of our Bishops asked me how I should like to go to Florida and superintend all the work we had in the Saint Johns River Conference. I had never been in Florida, but it was arranged for me to come, and for three years and four months. I traveled on three R. R. lines from Jacksonville to the jumping off place—preaching wherever I could get a hearing in every part of the conference as far south as Florida City. When the Miami District was organized, the remainder of my six years and four months was spent on the Jacksonville District.

When I was reappointed fifteen months ago, I found the Miami District in conformation like my traditional uncle's mythical barn: My traditional uncle was genial and affable, but he was an unconscious liar—as so many great talkers are. His friends loved him and were proud of him but they grieved over his romantic utterances. One night on the way to a banquet, one of his companions said to him: "Tonight, Henry, when I think your story is full grown, I shall step on your feet." Sure enough, at supper, my traditional uncle began to describe Iowa farming: "Great farms—crops so big that they could not be taken care of—one of my friends to store his crop had to build a barn nineteen hundred feet long." At the descent of his monitor's feet, my traditional uncle caught his breath and said: "But then it was only six inches wide." Likewise, the Miami District is 339 miles long, and its width is the width of an imaginary line. Beginning at the south, our first work is at Rock Harbor. To get our bearings: Rock Harbor is as far south as Mt. Sinai. If you go north from it, you will travel more miles than there are between Boston and Niagra falls, and still be in Florida. Our little work there is attached to Florida City charge, and is taken care of by the Rev. E. I. Getman. Florida City, where Brother Getman lives, is the last town of any size at the south end of the Florida peninsula. When I began to preach there twelve years ago, it was called Detroit. We have a good church building there, but it is less than two miles from our Homestead church, and only a short distance from our Redlands church, so its territory is limited. Pastor Getman has done steady, faithful work in that field and the people call him a Christian.

The Rev. L. B. C. Moffat was appointed to Homestead and Redlands at our last session and found quite a sentiment in favor of his giving up the country church (Redlands) and confirming his labors to our church in Homestead.

Instead of doing so, he put on a programme each week at Redlands which resulted in building up the S. S. and the congregation, and the partial rebuilding of the church.

At Homestead he found a condition that would have perplexed an older and more experienced man. But he and his wife were so industrious and popular that the year was a year of growth.

Five miles to the north, is the village of Naranja. Here the Rev. W. J. Carter, D. D., Postmaster at Homestead, and a supernumerary member of this conference, organized a Sunday School and built a small church. This church was dedicated by Bishop Richardson on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, 1923.

Fifteen miles still further to the north is the growing town of Larkin, where we have been worshipping for several years in a small temporary building. The Rev. Dr. Robert Smylie, the pastor, determined to build a new church. With characteristic energy he marshalled the Methodist forces in the community and then interested the Livingston Board in the project with the result that a ten thousand to fifteen thousand dollar church has been begun on a prominent site and will speedily be completed. Dr. Smylie is the only pastor of any sort, Protestant, Roman Catholic, or Mohammedan in all that region. It is unusual to find such a condition. Surely Larkin is an excellent field for Methodist Episcopalism.

Still north of Larkin, and in the suburbs of Miami, is Cocoanut Grove, where we have the first unit of what will be a beautiful church building when it is completed. The Rev. Dr. B. F. Sheffer was appointed pastor there 15 months ago. With him the long year has been a time of sickness in his family and discouragements in many ways. His aged mother, a saint of the old school, received from him and his family constant attention for months before she died. Dr. Sheffer himself has not been well for a part of the time, and taken all in all, it has been a discouraging year at Cocoanut Grove.

Going now to the north pole of the district, we come to DeLand. Since I knew that town so intimately, years ago, an Aladdin Lamp miracle has been wrought. Instead of the old, unattractive church building, through the munificence largely of that elect lady, the late Mrs. Glover, a churchly building that would do credit to any community, now stands there inviting people to worship. Even a more remarkable thing is the change in the personnel of the congregation, and especially, of the official board. Since I knew the church we have there a reorganized official membership composed of strong men and women with courage and initiative.

The Rev. Lawrence Radcliff, the pastor, is a man of resources. He knows the world and he knows and leads people. In the past conference year he visited his father in the Isle of Mann of which he is a native and brought home a knowledge of world conditions valuable to any preacher. Every Sunday afternoon he preaches at our little church at Orange City.

Daytona is one of the centers of population in Florida. It is not only a tourist resort but it is a city of homes. Our pastor, the Rev. D. Stratford Scadeng, preaches to large congregations. He was seriously ill for a time since our last session, but has made a good recovery and is constantly employed in his "Man's Job." Brother Scadeng has everything but an adequate church building. He has great audiences, a fine Sunday School, an excellent prayer meeting, salary advanced to \$3,000 and parsonage, but the patched, built onto, unattractive church is his handicap. No lover of our work in the St. John's River Conference ought to forget for a moment that we need a new church at Daytona. Brother Scadeng has been talking about it and planning for it, and, please God, in the near future we hope it will be built.

Dr. D. H. Rutter has been three years at Daytona Beach, which place is rapidly growing into a city. Our church there, like the church at Daytona, has had additions put to it till, though capacious, it is not beautiful. Some months ago the pastor became obsessed with a determination to build a church that would be a credit to Methodism. My latest information is that \$105,000 have been secured, a "Friend" has agreed to purchase an electrically operated set of chimes to cost \$15,000, and another "Friend" has declared that he will erect a revolving electric cross on the steeple. The pastor's salary has been advanced to \$3600 and all the finances are in hand.

Down the coast 15 miles is the growing city of New Smyrna. We have had a church there many years. For a long time ours was the only Methodist church. Now, in addition to the old time

indifference, we are confronted by a sharp competition. Our pastor, the Rev. O. M. Freeman, has stayed with that work for the entire fifteen months, his wife has superintended the Sunday School, and he has faithfully preached the Gospel. He also has had charge of our little church at Coronado Beach, just across the river. That church is small but it is a hundred per cent in efficiency. When that island comes to its own in the matter of population, as it is rapidly doing, we shall have a strong church at Coronado Beach.

Our next parish to the south is Eau Gallie. Eau Gallie, clothed in beautiful garments, Eau Gallie that has dreaned by the Indian River for so many years of greater things. Small population, our church small, and our membership small. The Rev. G. W. Carlin, faithful man that he is, has for five years been preaching here and at Indian River City, thirty two miles north, and at Georgianna, a town on Merritt's Island, across the Indian River. Mrs. Carlin, who is a local preacher, has given him excellent assistance. If any body on that circuit goes eternally astray it will not be due to unfaithfulness on the part of Brother Carlin.

Four miles to the south of Eau Gallie is our Melbourne church. This church was an infant for many years, but under the labors of the Rev. W. F. Ernsberger and his wife, who have been there three years, it is coming rapidly to be an adult. The church had to have mission help until three years ago, from its inception. Last year they built a Sunday School room and paid for it, met all their current expenses, and are in good condition financially and spiritually.

Twenty five miles to the south I found two small charges, Wabasso and Fellesmere. The pastor at Wabasso was the Rev. D. C. Thatcher; at Fellsmere the Rev. J. O. Jameson. At Fellsmere our work was sheltered under a tent for several months. Then Brother Jameson and his helpers, getting some assistance from the Livingston Board, erected a church in which they worship, though it is not yet finished. The first time I was there, Mar. 19, 1922, they had just been stricken by a calamity from which they are yet suffering, the only bank in town closed its doors never to reopen, never to pay a dollar to any depositor. The bravery that has enabled our pastor and his gifted wife and his few adherents to keep the work going in the face of all discouragements, challenges my admiration.

The Rev. Mr. Thatcher stayed at the little church at Wabasso a few months and then left the state. Afterwards I asked Brother Jameson to take charge of the Wabasso work in addition to his work at Fellsmere, which he did until about three months ago when I asked the Rev. J. W. Johnson to go to Wabasso and see what he could do. He and his wife went there and found no house in which to live, but the home of a Mr. Chesser was opened to them and they at once began a revival meeting in the church. Later a heroic attempt was made to build a parsonage, which resulted in the erection of a small, but desirable dwelling where the Johnsons now live.

Let us now go south to Miami which, not without reason, is called "The Wonder City." It is so wonderful in its change and growth that though I have been there about fifteen months, I have

not yet been able to locate the site of our old church where I preached when I first went there twelve years ago. Our present church building, called "The White Temple," is one of the largest centers of church activity in the state. Our pastor, the Rev. R. N. Merrill, is not only a preacher but a man of affairs. He makes civic officials who stand in with booze runners wish they had never been born. He is known as a worth while friend to the sick and the poor, a lover of righteousness and a hater of iniquity. His assistant, the Rev. Frank Hamilton, is a many sided church worker, a preacher, an office man, and a pastor.

Since the middle of last December he has been preaching at Little River, a suburb of Miami which we found entirely unchurched and where we organized our work with a considerable membership. Brother Merrill has plans for taking other places under the auspices of the White Temple, the details of which must be mentioned later.

The tower of the White Temple was recently elevated and electrically lighted. Then, within this rebuilt tower, was installed a melodious set of chimes—the gift of Mrs. Edwin Nelson.

Nearly a year ago, I asked the Rev. W. R. G. Orwick to take up our work at an important suburb called Hialeah. This he did without hope of reward. Being the principal of the public school, he found it financially possible to preach and organize the church in addition to his professional labors. If we can not get help to build a church at Hialeah it will be pathetic. Brother Orwick is one of the most unselfish men I have ever known.

Another man who has never come within speaking distance of selfishness is Rev. Dr. C. J. Ericson. The minutes indicate that he has been at Allapatah for three years. The only way I can account for such an error is that the printer ran out of figures. He has been preaching at Allapatah for more than fourteen years. I myself went there and held his quarterly meeting in a school house nearly thirteen years ago. Having a business of his own, he has worked in his store sometimes till midnight and then some time during the week, while other people were asleep, he would go to his library and write two sermons for the next Sunday. So all these years he has supported himself and has paid his salary toward the building of the church and our various benevolences. If I ever get a chance to vote to receive Dr. Ericson as a full fledged member of the St. John's River Conference, I shall do so very heartily in consideration of the long years of service that he has already rendered. The Allapatah church originally stood some little distance from its present site. Just before our last conference the trustees decided to move the building to a larger center of population. They were moving it when I came last year, and I believe I held a service in it while it was still on wheels. It now shelters an excellent, growing Sunday School, two Sunday services and the Edworth League meeting, and also a mid-week prayer meeting. Allapatah ought to be in the near future one of our best churches.

The Rev. S. E. Lawhon has had charge of our work at Fort Lauderdale and Davey. Davey is some ten miles west of Fort Lauderdale, in the Everglades. We have some faithful, industrious people there who love the church and work for the Sunday School

and the Epworth League and the benevolences. Davey has had a very prosperous year. Our difficulties at the Fort Lauderdale church are many and of long standing. But this year the different treasuries have been adequately supplied with money, the Sunday School has been large and enthusiastic, the congregations uniformly good, but Epworth League work has not been encouraging. Brother Lawhon has had the foresight to secure ground for a church in a neighboring, rapidly growing addition and our church lot in Fort Lauderdale has become so valuable that persons wishing it for business have already proposed to buy it. The money we receive for it will some day enable us to build a new church in a better location.

Lantana, to which the Rev. M. Stahl was appointed last year, has nothing yet for us. Brother Stahl saw no reason for continuing work there—I myself preached in the little village twice and saw no present hope for organization, and so that charge may be described as nominal.

If I had the time and the help of my predecessor, I might tell the story of West Palm Beach. As it is I can only say that property was secured before my time in both West Palm Beach and South Palm Beach. But while we have made the dust rise to the moon through the energetic ministry of the Rev. M. Stahl, who have no membership at either place and if we had, there would be no roof to shelter them. Such are the short and simple annals of West Palm Beach.

Lake Worth is before you to speak for itself. It is one of the wonder cities of the Atlantic Coast, sure enough. Yesterday it was a jungle, tomorrow it will be a great center of population. About eleven years ago I spent a Sunday here when this place was in its infancy. Preached in Dr. Dudley's bungalow which he donated free of rent as a place for our meetings, and we secured quite a membership through his efforts and in a small way we were supporting a pastor. You see what God and His servants in these few years have wrought.

The Rev. N. H. Kendall was appointed pastor here fifteen months ago and the long year has been a year of large growth. When I was here on Sunday, January 21st of this year, this church was completing an eight days week of debt paying. Above \$3000 was secured, in what was thought to be good subscription, to pay the debt and make some needed improvements.

In every charge in the district, the Centenary collections have been urged upon the people by both pastor and district superintendent, as well as by the unit leaders. While some of them have not felt able to do much on account of their poverty, I am sure that when the books are opened and the judgment is set, the Miami District will be acquitted of indifference toward this great effort that our church is making to finance the Evangelization of the world.

Special revival work has been attempted at DeLand, Cocoanut Grove, Fellsmere, Fort Lauderdale, Larkin, Melbourne, New Smyrna, and Wabasso. The District Superintendent gave an entire week to one of these meetings. In every one of our charges attempts have been made to get people converted. God alone knows what the total results have been.

Last May we had a sub-district meeting at Allapatah. It was attended by the pastors and their families laboring in that part of the district, and, also, by a number of laymen. An intellectual and a spiritual uplift came to us all, and the Ladies Aid Society of that church gave us such hospitality as only Ladies Aid Societies know how to give.

On the 3rd of last October the entire district met here for two days to discuss the details of our work, and to confer with Dr. Paul Voght about our future. Lake Worth entertained that conference, and now, six months later is entertaining this larger conference. Brave church!!!

To me the year has been a semi-tropical poem. I have missed only one meal and that was not available. If any one has cause to be thankful to God for health, "I more." Great peace has come to me, also, as I steadfastly believe in the Christ who was Eternally with the Father till in "the fullness of time" He was born of a Virgin—Man on his mother's side—God on his Father's side—sacrifice for the sins of the whole world—Savior of all who believe in Him. I have had some liberty in preaching the gospel, and I expect to live forever.

TAMPA DISTRICT

L. H. Shumate, Superintendent

Bishop Richardson and Brethren:

I recognize the fact that it is no inconsiderable part of your duty here to listen to the reports of the District Superintendents. I appreciate your courtesy, your long-suffering and your forbearance.

The Arabs are recognized as the best horsemen in the world. There is a saying among them which runs thus: "Give a horse his second sweat and expect but little of him. Give him his third sweat, then ask of him what you will."

The Tampa District, as such, has just passed through its second sweat. You are not expecting much of us. We are ready for our third sweat. Ask of us what you will, and we will do our best.

The District lies largely within the Everglades. The name is significant. The "Ever-glad-land," and as such it is being celebrated in song and in story.

"A landscape whose wide border lies
In silent shade 'neath silent skies."

In presenting my report to the last session of the Conference I stated that, unlike the Valley of the Nile, it was not dependent upon the overflow of the river, for in its soil was found all of the essential elements of fertility. I thought I was correct in my statement, but even the wisest of men sometimes change. Philosophers change. Lexicographers change. Dr. Johnson in his celebrated dictionary of 1755, aided by such master minds as Swift, Addison and Pope—intellectual giants of their day—sought to compose a

vocabulary which should fix in one perfect form forever an unalterable English language, but Dr. Johnson was man enough to admit, after a while, that he did not know it all, and if I keep step with the advancing thought of the centuries, and within hailing distance of this bunch before me, I, too, must change my theory; and now, unhesitatingly, and without fear of successful contradiction, assert, we needed the flood (though not for the same purpose as the Nile Valley), and believe me, we got it, and it came in Orthodox Methodist fashion—sprinkling, pouring, immersion; and again in Methodist fashion, the water was applied to the subject, and not the subject to the water, and in due time we came “straightway up out of the water,” and to-day our fields are robed in richer harvests, and our skies gilded with brighter stars of hope, and all the beauty and glory of our “Paradise Lost” intensified, has found a home with us this side the flood, “Paradise Regained,” where new farms are opening up, walled in with spreading trees, “bearded with moss,” and tangled vines which shake from leafy boughs the dew-drops of the morning, where wild-flowers bloom, and the sunshine plays hide-and-seek with the shadows through the long, long summer days. But we have not forgotten the fact that we had a flood. In less than three months we had a rainfall of a little more than six feet. You could go by water for seventy miles or more in every direction—except straight up.

For a while the people were greatly discouraged as they saw their growing crops torn up by the roots, and floating upon the bosom of the flood like autumn leaves upon a forest stream. But, after all, this calamity was a blessing in disguise. God keeps his own secrets, and not until we become better acquainted with the laws governing chemical affinities, combinations and decompositions, or with the law of organic life and growth, will we be able to realize the great blessing wrapped up in this seeming calamity. But we do find in it great cause for rejoicing. Had it come upon us a year later the loss would have been more than doubled, for the acreage under cultivation would have been more than doubled. Or, again, it revealed the weak points in the drainage system so that in the future we will be prepared for a greater down-pour than that of 1922, which stands unprecedented in the records of that country.

South Bay Circuit suffered more than any other part of the District. I had no fear, however, for the personal safety of the pastor (E. L. Housley) and family. Some months before, the “Home Mission Board” had furnished him a boat with which to travel his circuit, and I was satisfied, if need be he could launch out and find some “Ararat,” upon which to erect his altar, watch the subsidence of the flood, and plan for the future; but he did not move out, and my sympathies went out to him, for that dynamo of energy is happy only when at work, and I imagine he felt as did St. John on the Isle of Patmos, who knowing that he would move out some time said, “And there shall be no more sea.” But while the pastor was greatly hampered in his work, you will keep this fact in mind, he stuck to his job, and he was the only preacher in that section who did. The others took to the hills for safety: Housley “Looked to the hills from whence cometh our help,” and during all that time in which public worship was an impossibility, it was known and is not forgotten, that the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church “stayed by the stuff,” and did what he could to help and cheer and

comfort; and he comes to Conference with a good report, i. e., three churches and a parsonage, all nearly finished; two of the churches and the parsonage electric lighted. The property value conservatively estimated is \$10,500.00, and upon this an indebtedness of only \$125.00, and this not due for ten months. Three new preaching places have been opened up. One of these did the almost unheard of thing—instead of waiting for us to come and canvass the field, the Town Council invited us to come and organize a church.

The report on benevolences will show an increase over last year. We also report an increase in membership.

Sebring Circuit:—This charge seems to have entered that state of coma which immediately precedes death.

Brother H. D. Eifert was appointed to supply the charge. I had personally looked up a number of points where I thought we could organize; went with him to Palmdale; held a ten days' meeting, formed a class of twenty-four members; got the promise of a building site for the church, and the pastor was to look after other places; but before he could move to the charge, sickness developed in his family. Nearly all of them were ill. One of them died, and before he could take up the work fully others had gone in and organized. The pastor became discouraged and went back to the Alabama Conference and is now stationed at Wedowee. Palmdale yet remains, but it is so remote from other points where we have an organization that I am at a loss how to take care of it. This is the one failure on the District.

Oldsmar:—H. H. Black stayed with us nine months, then went to Vermont where he secured a pastorate. For the past three months Brother Geo. Northrop has been supplying the charge and has been a great success, considering the short time he has had to work. The general depression in almost everything consequent largely upon the fact that the Reolds Corporation had sold out nearly all of its holdings, and the new company has not yet made public its plans, has given rise to a feeling of unrest and uncertainty. Many families have moved away; money has been scarce, and people know not what to do. But notwithstanding all of this, the pastor will report the Centenary fund overpaid to date, and while the total conference collections will not be large, they show an increase over last year of 273 per cent; but the most gratifying result is in the increased spiritual interest, particularly in the Epworth League. We now have plans drawn for a new church. One man has subscribed one thousand dollars; the new Company will deed us two of the most desirable lots in town as soon as we are ready to build, and in addition will give us some cash. We now have over two thousand dollars promised, but we are in a quandary. Oldsmar has struck oil; whether in paying quantities or not will probably be decided within the next thirty days. If we have, one man will give us five thousand dollars; another who has promised us fifty, will make it five hundred dollars, and so we await developments. But well or no well, we hope to have a church building in the near future.

Tampa:—Because of its location, is destined to become one of the great cities of Florida. It has a population of about eighty-thousand. It has many tourists, but it is not a tourist center. It is an all-year town. All of our hotels, save one, are open the year

round. We do not make a specialty of "winter hotels," and "apartment houses." It has large manufacturing interests, and is now having the greatest building boom in its history. There are more Methodists in Tampa than any city of its size that I know of. All told there are nine thousand. A large per cent of that number belong to us, by right, but finding no church home of their own they have gone into other Methodist organizations. Others have found a home with the Congregational, Presbyterian and United Brethren.

I believe we should have in Tampa one great Central Methodist Episcopal Church. If some one will give me \$60,000.00, I will have a fine church, centrally located, within a short time, and the property will double in value within the next five or six years; this because of its location.

The only organization we have in this growing city is at Palma Ceia Park, where we have built this year a very comfortable chapel. We have two lots. We have lost some of our most valuable members by removal, so that it has been a struggle, but we are hopeful, and new houses are building; others are to follow, and we will gradually come into our own. We have a growing Sabbath School, and the congregations seem to be increasing. Our property costing about five-thousand dollars has been paid for. Not a penny of indebtedness. We received \$1500.00 from the Board of Church Extension for this project. The report of the pastor will show an increase in the benevolent collections, though a decrease in membership.

In the sale of our church property in Tampa, years ago, there came to us two lots in the suburbs. At that time they were practically of no value. Last year the Conference authorized me to dispose of them if it could be done. I received an offer of \$600.00 for the property. I did not know where we could use the money, so turned it down. A building boom has developed in that neighborhood, and I am told the property is now worth \$1500.00.

Fort Myers:—In the face of opposition, keen and remorseless, the pastor, P. E. Ramsey, has kept on "in the even tenor of his way," and through it all, to me he has appeared the veritable personification of altruistic optimism, and has won out.

Soon after Conference we purchased St. Luke's Episcopal Church, centrally located, in the corner of a beautiful park, filled with semi-tropical shrubs, flowers and trees. There is a little over one-fourth of an acre in the lot. When it leaked out that we were negotiating for the property, some persons with more brass than brains, "tattlers, busy-bodies, speaking things they ought not," after failing in every other effort, consulted the judge to see if an injunction would hold, enjoining us from making the purchase, or, the other party from making the sale. The judge smiled as he shined upon their darkness. We uttered never a word, but kept on "sawing wood." We got the property for \$8000.00. The Board of Church Extension gave us \$5500.00. We have since built a modern parsonage of five rooms. Owing to the phenomenal rise in valuation in that part of the city, we now have a property which conservative real estate men estimate at \$25,000, and they will undertake to get that for us if we wish to sell. Upon this property there is an indebtedness of only \$6000.00, and we have

three years in which to meet it. The growth in membership has been steady, and now numbers 115.

Between thirty and forty conversions are reported. Conference collections show an increase.

In addition to work in the city we have gone out to the regions "round about." The A. C. L. R. R. is extending its line from Ft. Myers to Naples on the Gulf. It runs through a very fertile section; farms are opening up rapidly; new towns are building and old ones taking on new life. We have pushed on ahead of the graders and track-layers. At Iona we have organized a Sabbath School of 65 members; a church with 21 and an Epworth League with 20 members. Ground has been given us for a church building. Upon this we have put up our tent—the gift of the Livingston Board, which we used in Ft. Myers for over a year; we hold services every Sabbath, and prayer meeting Thursday evening.

We are going farther down the line and will take in other towns. We have been requested to come to Estero and conduct services. Estero is the capitol city of the Keresians. They insist that they are living on the "inside" of the earth. As our work has all been done on the outside we are at a loss just how to proceed, but we hope to adapt ourselves to the new conditions, and will then go ahead.

The building of the Tamiami Trail and the bridging of the Caloosahatche River will open up a rich country north of Ft. Myers. We have gone ahead, organized a Sabbath School, and we are preaching to the people regularly.

Ft. Denaud is another point where we have commenced work. Other places are opening up to us, and we are going in as rapidly as possible.

The pastor was not able to do all this work. No other preacher was available, so we made one and set him to work. The pastor reports a membership of 115, an increase of over 300 per cent, and his Centenary and other Conference collections show an increase of a trifle over 700 per cent. This charge is about two years old.

Recapitulation:—All my life I have been dealing with percentage, and the other fellow has been getting the per cent. It is quite natural for me to work out problems in this way, and then it makes my report sound better. The pastors will probably report in detail.

Increased valuation of church property 600 per cent; Centenary and other benevolences 100 per cent; membership 200 per cent; Sabbath School Scholars 162 per cent. The amount raised for Conference Claimants has an increased percentage over last year, so large that having figured it up to 1900 per cent I gave up the task.

We have organized six new Sunday Schools; seven new preaching places; built two new churches and one parsonage; practically finished three other churches and one parsonage; and have pledged \$2000.00 and three lots valued at \$1200.00 for two more churches; and determined, if possible, to keep everything in the column of "increase," we report an indebtedness of \$6125.00, as against no indebted-

edness last year. This, however, against property valued at \$41,900.00. \$125.00 of indebtedness will be due in ten months, and \$6000.000 in three years.

In this estimate I have not included the \$2000.00 in pledges, which I consider good and the \$1500.00 in the lots in Tampa will not appear in the statistical report, for they are held by the Conference, but belong to Tampa Methodism. SO ENDS OUR SECOND SWEAT.

This is my third term as Presiding Elder and District Supt. In all those years I have never found men more "willing to bear hardness as good soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ," than the preachers on the Tampa District. Unconsciously they have been to me an inspiration. God will reward them.

"O, Happy record of the soldier's fate,
Whose fame outlasts the stars
When He, who knows them best, will say,
I know thee by thy scars."

What of the future?—I am oftentimes asked this question. The impression has gone abroad that the Everglades is a vast swamp; that it can never be drained; that the people are discouraged, getting away never to return, (some have gone; others are coming in to take their places), and that the authorities will give up the task as hopeless. We have among us a few entertaining such thought. I would not associate them with "Doubting Thomas," but I imagine they must be lineal descendants of that bunch in Boston who more than a century ago, in council assembled, solemnly declared that "the country ten miles west of Boston never would amount to anything." I want to get the facts before you as concisely as possible. If the future is not full of promise, then let us devote our money and energy to something worth while.

The Everglades is about the last "Frontier on the American Continent, and the drainage of this frontier is one of the greatest pieces of construction work ever undertaken by any state in the union, and will add over four million acres to our domain. One-million acres have been surveyed, mapped and platted, two hundred and fifty thousand more are now being surveyed and platted. Three hundred and seventy-five miles of canal are now open, and work of this kind is being pushed.

This work is under the supervision of the Governor of the State; the Treasurer; Comptroller; Attorney General, and Secretary of Agriculture; and the fact that most of them are large landholders in this section will not abate their zeal.

The State of Florida is back of this project, and in honor bound to see its completion, for the Act of Congress conveying to the State these lands by "Title in fee simple," carried with it the condition that "Money received from sale, and by appropriation should be applied exclusively to redeeming the land by means of canals, dykes, etc." The State has undertaken to discharge this trust, and it is as much a fixed policy as the building of roads, the advancement of the School System, or any other far-reaching system of development.

The man problem is the control of the water in Lake Okeechobee, the catch-basin of that great water-shed, extending beyond Kissimee. When the flood of 1922 came the canals were only 80 per cent complete, and the dykes along the lake shore had not been commenced. These are now being hurried to completion, and in connection with the cross-drainage canals to take care of the rainfall upon the land itself, will probably give ample protection. These canals are supplied with locks, thus co-ordinating the navigation feature with drainage, opening up the way for boats to ply from one end of the "Glades" to the other. The dykes formed by the digging of the canals are used for a three-fold purpose. They prevent an overflow; the top is leveled and used as a highway, or as a railroad grade. The shale and rock taken from the canal make an excellent ballast, thus greatly reducing the cost of construction. The engineers declare it will be physically possible to complete this work in three years. I do not expect it, for doubtless other problems will arise which will require time. Nature's processes are slow. Fundamental changes involving complete metamorphosis from water area to land area will bring new problems which can only be solved when made known. The wonderful fertility and a high degree of immunity from frost make these lands especially valuable. I know of land along the shore which cannot be bought for one thousand dollars per acre.

The produce handled in this section indicates its power. One little narrow strip along the south shore, from January 1st to June 1st, 1922, shipped two million boxes, crates and barrels of produce. One little stretch of railroad, sixteen miles long, from January 1st to June 1st, 1922, handled twelve hundred carloads of produce. Four months ago this country was under water, and the people calling for help, and while waiting for that help to come they sat on their front porch catching fish.

The marvelous come-back of the Everglades is astounding. Four months ago flooded, and now unable to get sufficient help to gather the crops planted since the water went down. And around the Moore Haven section they have advertised for two thousand persons to pick beans.

What does all this signify? Simply this, that as the land is reclaimed the tide of immigration will roll in. The lure of wealth is irresistible. Vast farms will open up—are opening up. Packing houses and canneries will be a necessity—they are a necessity. At Clewiston, a village of less than one hundred people, six large packing houses are now building. Not far away "The Empire Securities Co.," of St. Louis, Chicago and New Orleans, has bought thirty thousand acres to be set out to cane, and will build a large sugar mill, together with a huge plant for making building boards out of saw-grass and pulp from the sugar mill. It will be a duplicate of their two million dollar plant at New Orleans. At Canal Point where we have a good church, a sugar mill with a capacity of forty tons per day is now in operation notwithstanding the flood. Villages, towns and cities will follow in the wake of the receding waters, but the Everglades will be pre-eminently an agricultural region. I grant you we may never have any great cities: no great hotels like the "Flamingo," "The Royal Palm," or the "Ponce De Leon," where Bob Taylor says, "The Nabobs of the North come down in mid-winter and have a high old time at ten dollars a

Ponce, and twenty-five dollars a De Leon," but we raise the stuff to feed that hungry bunch, and their "high old time" would not last long on an empty stomach. Yes sir! We are a bunch of farmers. These are the people who have been identified with all the civilizations of the past. And as that rich agriculture of the Nile is said "to have nursed the Empire of the Pharaohs into civic greatness," so the Everglades will help feed the world as it goes on in its particular work of development.

With this country opening up before us, with its increase in population, in wealth, in opportunity, who can measure our responsibility. "Opportunity is God's promise of power." The open door is God's command to advance, and now with our faces set toward the future, with the inspiration that comes to us by the memory of those early pioneers of Methodism—Sons of the Highest—too intimately acquainted with God to be discouraged; leading us on in the strength of the self-sacrificing devotion, shall we hesitate? Are we not their successors in responsibility and inheritance? And if the momentum of their life has reached us, will not ours increase that momentum, projecting it out into the future? And with the imperious "GO" of the Gallilean ringing in our ears, we will not hesitate, not if we have the old-time fire, and that "strange warming of the heart" which comes from Him who said "Go."

"Ambassadors to be, of realms beyond the sea,
We're here on business for the King."

And "the King's business requireth haste."

Memoirs

Earl Douglas Holtz was born near Morristown, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1844, and passed to his eternal reward on March 9, 1922, at Tarpon Springs, Florida. He was well born, being the son of Jacob Holtz, a consecrated and efficient class leader, and Eleanor Douglas Holtz who enjoyed a rich religious experience and was never hesitant about proclaiming it.

His second birth occurred in Feb. 1867, under the ministry of John F. Hollister at Flushing, Ohio.

It was his great privilege to round out 50 full consecrated years of eager fruitful service for the Master he loved so well.

Gracious revivals attended his work everywhere, and multitudes of men and women were converted under his ministry.

He was received on trial in the Pittsburg Conference on March 28, 1870, in which conference he labored until 1884, when he was transferred to the East Ohio Conference.

A breakdown in health necessitated an extended vacation part of which he spent in a fruitful tour of foreign countries including the Holy Land. In 1892 he was made Presiding Elder of the Canton District and it is noteworthy that during the six years he served on this district 5599 conversions occurred, and over \$175,000 of church property was added. During this term also he was elected a delegate to the general Conference of 1896. In 1901 at the request of Bishop Joyce he was transferred to the W. Va. Conference. Later he spent some years as a successful lecturer with the Midland Lyceum Bureau, but re-entered the active work in the Pittsburgh Conference. With characteristic zeal and evangelistic fervor he flung himself once more into the work, and many hundreds of conversions again bore eloquent testimony to his success.

Some years later he removed to Florida and was appointed to Cocanut Grove and then to Tarpon Springs, where the summons came to leave the work of the Church militant to engage in higher service in the Church triumphant.

In Nov., 1871, he was united in marriage to Laura Lucetta Mead of Mt. Olivet, O., who preceded him to the Heavenly home in May, 1917. To this union were born four children, three of whom survive him as do also two sisters and four brothers.

In November, 1919, our deceased brother was married to Mrs. Harriet Haine of Alliance, O., who also survives him.

He was a godly man, earnest and active, tender and brave, uncompromising in his opposition to all forms of evil, yet loving the sinner and seeking by all means to win him from the error of his ways.

Funeral services were held both at Tarpon Springs and at Wheeling, Va., where the body was laid to rest beside his wife and daughter.

“For all Thy saints who from their labors rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.

Hallelujah!

Reports

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Apportioned Benevolences

This report covers every activity of the Church save the Pastor's salary and the Local Church Budget. We recommend that for 1923:

(1) The Primary Objective be to immediately bring up the collections on every charge to one hundred per cent.

(2) That the slogan of "The Best Year in Five" be approved and accepted.

(3) That we give General Approval to the total program of the Church and a pledge of Loyalty.

(4) That we emphasize the necessity of an adequate Educational Campaign.

(5) That we cease not to urge the necessity and advisability of a continuous Stewardship Appeal.

(6) That we determine the time of the financial re-enlistment for the World Service program to be left to the discretion of each local Church. See list of Apportioned Benevolences.

Auditing Committee

The accounts of the District Superintendents and of the Secretary of the St. Johns River Conference have been audited and found correct. F. N. Lapham, E. L. Housley, Auditors.

Book Concern

The amazing growth of some of our Florida towns is surpassed by the marvelous development of the Methodist Book Concern.

Beginning a few decades ago on \$600 of borrowed capital, it is now the greatest publishing concern in the world.

In view of the fact that most of the profits come back to the Conferences to help our Retired members, we recommend to our people and others our books and our periodicals.

Board of Education

Whereas, the report of the Board of Education to the Spring Conferences shows a service of remarkable value to Methodist institutions and that it occupies a place of great importance, not only in our Educational work, but also of General Education in the Nation.

Resolved, That we endorse its program, particularly with reference to the Childrens' Day Fund urging all our Churches to regard the Childrens' Day offering as a sacred duty to needy young people seeking an education in our schools.

Also, That we express our admiration for the work of the Wesley Foundation and recommend that our District Superintendents investigate the need of Wesley Foundation Churches in the Educational centers of Florida.

Evangelism

In harmony with the program of Jesus, we, as a Church, are seeking to save the lost, and we believe the remedy for sin, as well as the nature and effects of sin, are the same throughout all time.

We also believe that we can do no better in our efforts for the salvation of souls than to follow the example of the early Church. Christian testimony, backed by the results of a devoted prayer life made their efforts effective, both with the multitude and the individual.

Therefore we recommend a deeper consecration to God for service; then souls will be converted and communities saved.

Realizing the helpfulness of the few services conducted by Dr. Goff at this Conference session, we believe that an hour each day devoted to similar services, as a part of our regular program at next year's Conference would prove beneficial to both people and pastors.

Sabbath Observance

Probably had the right observance of the Christian Sabbath prevailed generally throughout Europe during the past century, there would have been no world war. The Christian Sabbath is absolutely necessary for the safety and progress of our race; a day on which the weary may rest, the family ties be strengthened, and Christ's plans for His Kingdom on earth be seriously studied.

Therefore, Be it Resolved: That we do our utmost to check the tendency to use that sacred day for commercial gain or social pleasure. We denounce all games of sport, beach and picnic parties on that day, and urge all to totally abstain from buying or selling on the Holy Sabbath. We would that all children be taught the old nursery rhyme:

"A Sabbath well spent, brings a week of content and strength
for the work of the morrow,
But a Sabbath profaned, whatever be gained, is a certain fore-
runner of sorrow."

Sunday Schools

The International Sunday School Council of Religious Education now represents equal denominational and territorial membership. In harmony with the agreement in this merger, the State Sunday School Association is reorganized. Mr. H. A. Naberhuis of Miami has been elected as the Methodist Episcopal Member of the Florida State committee.

The Objectives of the Board of Sunday Schools are: to stimulate and direct the Church to Major in a teaching program in the field of religion. This involves (1) Suitable buildings and equipment for a teaching program. We are promoting an improved type of Church building.

(2) The organization of the children, youth and adults for teaching purposes. The Graded school is necessary to effective instruction in religion.

(3) Teaching material, put in teaching form.

We believe our Church school should have text books, and lesson helps as good at least as our Public schools have.

(4) A suitable teaching force.

Our chief limitation today is a lack of trained teachers and officers. We are promoting an expansive program of training in classes and schools of methods.

(5) To test the OUTFIT in terms of the OUTPUT.

We want the pupils of our Sunday Schools to know the facts and principles of religion, and to show life and character in accordance therewith.

(6) To extend the time from the half hour on Sunday to certain hours during the week, and to vacation schools.

The present time allotted to the Church for Sunday School purposes is too brief.

Institutes—We believe the Sunday School opportunity within our Conference is just now most promising for unusual development. We therefore invite and urge our Board of Sunday Schools at Chicago to co-operate with our Conference Board in holding a series of Institutes throughout our Conference at the earliest date possible. To this end we request the Chairman of the St. Johns River Conference Board of Sunday Schools to enter into communication with the office in Chicago as to the carrying out of this request.

We rejoice in the prosperity which has attended the Sunday School work of our Church during the past year. The reports for 1922 show that the enrollment in the Sunday Schools of our Church increased by 186,000 and that more than 160,000 members of the Sunday Schools were received into the membership of the Church. Our Sunday School enrollment is now within 70,000 of an even five million.

The movement on behalf of week day schools of religion, and Daily Vacation Bible Schools is gathering momentum rapidly. Our Board of Sunday Schools is foremost in the promotion of these supplementary forms of Religious instruction. F. N. Lapham, Chairman.

Temperance

Resolved, That the St. Johns River Conference unequivocally endorses the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and we pledge ourselves to its enforcement.

We are unalterably opposed to the legalization of the sale of any liquor containing a higher alcoholic content than that now designated in the Volstead Act for we hold that any weakening of the said Act would inevitably lead to the return of the saloon which would be a national calamity.

Preachers' Wives' Association

The meeting of the Preachers' Wives' Association was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. J. Treadwell, at the home of Mrs. H. P. Dudley, April 19th, 1923, at 3:30 p. m.

The singing of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" and a prayer by Mrs. G. B. Thomas constituted the devotional part of the program.

In the absence of Mrs. W. J. Harkness, secretary, Mrs. F. A. Hamilton was elected secretary pro tem. The report of the secretary was read and accepted.

Mrs. Wm. Landiss, the treasurer, then read her report, which on motion was accepted.

The by-laws of the Association were then read by the acting secretary. Mrs. L. S. Rader, Mrs. J. O. Jameson, Mrs. J. R. Hoch, Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Mrs. G. B. Thomas, Mrs. C. J. Nelson, Mrs. N. H. Kendall became members of the Association. The following ladies were elected as officers for a period of two years. President, Mrs. R. A. Carnine; Vice President, Mrs. L. J. Radcliffe; Secretary Mrs. N. H. Kendall; Treasurer, Mrs. S. E. Idleman.

By motion the secretary was instructed to confer with the secretary of the Conference, and draw upon our treasurer for the amount necessary to print the report of this meeting in the Annual Conference Journal. The meeting then adjourned.

During the social hour that followed, Mrs. F. W. Sessions entertained with a piano selection, followed by a reading by Mrs. J. R. Hoch, and a duet by Mesdames J. R. Hoch and D. W. McElveen. An informal discussion followed, and appreciation was expressed of the efficient services of the retiring president, Mrs. J. J. Treadwell. The most enjoyable afternoon concluded with the serving of delicious fruit punch and wafers by the gracious hostesses, Mrs. H. P. Dudley and Mrs. N. H. Kendall. Mrs. F. A. Hamilton, Secretary Pro Tem.

Resolutions

It is meet right and our bounden duty, at all times and in all places to return thanks both to God and man.

To our Heavenly Father therefore, we return thanks for His presence in our sessions, and His providence in our lives.

To Rev. N. H. Kendall, the Ladies of the Church, the musicians, the press, the banks, the Board of Trade, and the citizens of Lake Worth, so many of whom have shown us kindnesses, and into whose homes we have been so cordially welcomed, we also express our gratitude. If there be anything that can make us think more highly of your beautiful city, it is the memory of this hospitality. We recall also and express gratitude for the unselfish and often unappreciated statistical and clerical work performed by those to whom these tasks were assigned.

We are grateful too, that once again we have had as our President, our own Bishop, E. G. Richardson, D. D., LL. D., genial, fraternal, watchful, inspirational, spiritual. May he be sent to us often.

We who are so continually called upon to give to others would speak a hearty "thank you" to those who brought us stimulating, uplifting, inspiring messages. We shall not soon forget the World Service Program, outlined for us by Drs. Farmer, Ehnes, Davis, Sheldon, Bovard, and Burns; the educational address of Dr. Brown, the laymen's thoughts expressed by C. A. Titus, and the fine evangelistic messages of Rev. S. B. Goff coming so opportunely to fill the only apparent gap in the program. No less is gratitude expressed for the messages brought by our own Conference members.

For these and all other kindnesses, we can only speak this word of thankful appreciation, and pledge the donors that as we return to our charges, we shall pass on to others as far as possible what we have so freely received.

Committee.

District Stewards' Meeting

Jacksonville District—The Ministers and the Laymen of the Jacksonville District met in First Church,, Lake Worth, Fla., April 21, 1923.

The Superintendent, J. J. Treadwell, presiding. The Chairman outlined the program planned for the coming year.

On motion of William Landiss, seconded by Layman Cleveland, the salary of the District Superintendent was fixed at ten per cent of the Pastor's cash salary.—L. M. Parker, Secretary.

Miami District—The District Stewards of the Miami District met in First Church, Lake Worth, April 20, 1923, Dr. R. A. Carnine, the Superintendent, presiding.

On motion it was voted to fix the District Superintendents' salary at ten per cent of the Pastor's cash salary.—H. C. Longstreet, Secretary.

Per Cent of Claims Assessed to the Charges

Conference Claimants Fund, ten per cent of the Pastor's cash salary. Episcopal Fund (Bishops) two and one fourth per cent of the Pastor's salary, including house rent. Both of these claims to be based on the current year's salary.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS

The annuities paid were as follows:

Name	Age	Years	Annuity Paid	Special Aid	Total Paid
Geo. H. Northrop -----		30	\$ 343.95	\$150.00	\$ 493.95
L. S. Rader -----		39	446.64		
M. Stahl -----		40	458.60		
P. S. Merrill -----		43.6	23.50		
W. T. Evans -----		30.4	35.50		
Mrs. W. L. Barze -----		14.25	163.38	150.00	313.38
Mrs. G. W. Butler -----		28.50	326.76		
Mrs. Clark Crawford -----		14.25	163.38	25.00	188.30
Mrs. Anna Drew -----		22.50	269.35		369.35
Mrs. W. J. Harkness -----		18.75	214.97	175.00	289.97
Mrs. J. D. Hitchcock -----		15.75	180.80		
Mrs. J. H. Martin -----		15.75	180.86	125.00	305.86
Mrs. A. C. Sirdifield -----		11.25	128.98	50.00	178.98
Elizabeth Smith (Mrs. Gist, mother) -----	16	2.50	28.97	25.00	53.95
Total paid -----			\$3,965.20	\$600.00	\$4,565.20

LIVINGSTON MISSION FUND

Jacksonville, Fla., April 16th, 1923.

To the Members of the St. Johns River Conference

In Session at Lake Worth, Florida.

Dear Brethren:

I hand you below a report of the Livingston Mission Fund for the period beginning January 1st, 1922, and ending March 31st, 1923.

Receipts	
January 1st, 1922, Cash on Hand -----	\$ 870.93
Interest on Savings Account -----	160.45
Rents, January 1st, 1922, to May 1st, 1923----	32,000.00
Subscriptions on account of Livingston Memorial -----	900.97
Rents, Perry Avenue -----	30.00
On account Loan Snyder Memorial -----	1,300.00
On account Loan L. B. C. Moffatt -----	75.00
Loan from Bank -----	600.00
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	\$35,937.35
Disbursements	
Cemetery Account -----	43.18
Loan to L. B. C. Moffatt -----	150.00
Balance on Mortgage -----	5,000.00
Interest on Mortgage -----	100.00
Paid Loan to Bank -----	600.00
Expenses -----	659.69
Annuities:	
Snyder Memorial Church -----	900.00
Daytona -----	300.00
Miami -----	300.00
Salvation Army -----	100.00

Maintenance:

Perry Avenue -----	100.00
Fairfield -----	1,000.00
Livingston Memorial -----	1,250.00
Davenport -----	375.00
Zephyrhills -----	312.50
Allapatta -----	187.50
Cocoanut Grove -----	250.00
Homestead and Redlands -----	437.50
Homestead and Redlands -----	150.00
Port Richey -----	91.70
Larkin -----	375.00
South Bay -----	250.00
Hastings -----	312.50
Coronado -----	250.00
Davie -----	125.00
Arlington and Gilmore -----	500.00

Building Account:

Fellesmere -----	675.00
Naranga -----	300.00
New Springfield -----	4,918.81
Larkin—On account -----	1,000.00
Loan to Larkin Church -----	2,000.00
Repairs—Perry Avenue -----	127.60
Insurance, New Springfield -----	149.15
Insurance, Perry Avenue -----	24.15

23,314.28

Cash on Hand ----- 12,623.07

\$35,937.35

An item which appeared in the report of last year as to a loan to the Pastor at Port Richey, was cancelled and charged over to the Maintenance Fund of Port Richey, in addition to the \$91.70 appearing in this report.

In explanation of the item at Larkin, I would say that our Board appropriated as a donation toward the church at Larkin, the sum of \$2500.00, and granted a loan of \$5000.00, the payments appearing above being made on account.

The Trustees agreed with Rev. R. N. Merrill, Pastor at Miami, to underwrite the sum of \$7000.00, in order to enable him to establish three places of worship, the money to be advanced in case of need, and to be treated as a loan.

As appears in the report, the mortgage on the property belonging to the Trustees has been paid in full and the property is now free of all encumbrances.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

CHAS. W. KINNE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

CONFERENCE PERMANENT FUND

Jacksonville, Fla., April 16th, 1923.

To the Members of the St. Johns River Conference

In Session at Lake Worth, Florida.

Dear Brethren:

I hand you below a report of the condition of the Permanent Fund of the St. Johns River Conference since my report rendered in January, 1922. This covers the period from January 1st, A. D., 1922, to March 31st, A. D., 1923.

1922	
January 11, On Hand -----	\$1,538.94
January 13, Rec'd from Conference -----	218.00
January, Rec'd from W. M. Landiss -----	5.00
January 23, Rec'd from C. D. Hammond ----	50.00
May 10, Easter Offering—Daytona -----	145.00
December 26, Bequest—Frances J. Edwards--	1,000.00
Interest on Bonds -----	21.25
Interest on Mortgages -----	223.00
Interest on Bank Dept. -----	44.37
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	\$3,245.56
1922	
April 6, Loan to R. P. Webb -----	700.00
April 22, Loan to Loula B. Clark -----	800.00
December 6, Loan to Florida Ballard -----	600.00
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Balance on Hand:	
Principal -----	579.68
Interest -----	565.88
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	\$3,245.56

In addition to the cash in bank I have \$500.00 in Liberty Loan Bonds, and \$10.00 in War Savings Stamps which are payable January 1st, 1924, and represent an investment of the interest on the bonds.

In accordance with your action at the last session of the Conference, I have given the Treasurer of the Conference a check for 565.88, representing the accumulated interest on the Endowment Fund.

As regards the funds which accrued from the sale of the Tampa property I would report as follows:

Tampa	
1922	
January 3rd, Cash on Hand -----	\$332.47
Interest on Deposits -----	11.80
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	\$344.27
1922	
Taxes for 1922 -----	8.90
On Hand -----	335.37
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	\$344.27

All of which is respectfully submitted:

CHAS. W. KINNE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

I attach hereto the letter accompanying the remittance for the bequest of Frances J. Edwards.

December 20th, 1922.

Rev. C. W. Keene,
Atlantic National Bank Building,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:—

Enclosed herewith please find check payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Stewards of St. John's Conference, Florida, of the M. E. Church, in the sum of \$1000.00. This amount was left to the Board by the late Mrs. Frances J. Edwards for Conference claimants and is to be placed in the endowment fund.

Also enclosed herewith please find four copies of receipt of this check. We will ask you to sign each of these receipts as we have to file them in the Courts.

Thanking you to please acknowledge receipt of the check and to return the receipts properly signed and witnessed in the presence of two witnesses, we are

Yours very truly,
John D. Harris,
Attorney for the Estate.

STATE OF WISCONSIN—In County Court—Wood County.
In the Matter of the Estate of Frances J. Edwards, Deceased.

RECEIPT IN DUPLICATE.

The undersigned Conference Stewards of St. Johns River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, hereby acknowledge payment in full of the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars bequeathed to them in and by the Will of Frances J. Edwards, Deceased.

Dated December 21st, 1922.

S. E. IDLEMAN,
W. S. GRAY,
R. N. MERRILL,
Conference Stewards of St. Johns River
Conference of the Methodist Episcopal
Church of St. Petersburg, Florida.

In presence of

L. S. SHOEMAKER, }
M. A. GIBSON, } as to S. E. Idleman and W. S. Gray.

FRANK A. HAMILTON, }
MYRA E. HAMILTON, } as to R. N. Merrill.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER

	Cash	Voucher	Total
Centenary and Apportioned Benev.-----	\$5947	\$34285	\$40232
Children's Day Fund -----	63	349	412
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society---	29	5101	5130
Woman's Home Missionary Society-----	12	2653	2665

Sustentation Fund -----	50		50
Miscellaneous -----		16542	16542
Support District Superintendents -----	54	5851	5905
Episcopal Fund -----	1526	49	1575
Conference Claimants from Charges -----	4085		4085
Annual Conference Investments -----	325	145	470
General Conference Expenses -----	209	12	221
Conference Claimants, Chicago -----	600		600
Conference Claimants, Book Concern -----	268		268
Conference Claimants, Charter Fund -----	35		35
Conference Claimants, Permanent Fund -----	565		565
Totals -----	\$13768	\$64987	\$78755

WILLIAM LANDISS, Conference Treasurer.

MISSIONARY MONEY DISTRIBUTED DURING 1922-1923
(15 months)

Jacksonville District

Bellevue and Candler -----	\$ 162.50	
Fruitland Park and Okahumpka -----	375.00	
South Jacksonville -----	375.00	
Lake Como Circuit -----	235.00	
Lawtey -----	425.00	
Port Richey -----	100.00	
District -----	625.00	
		\$2297.50

Miami District

New Smyrna -----	\$ 500.00	
Eau Gallie -----	487.50	
Rock Harbor -----	125.00	
Fellsmere -----	125.00	
Wabasso -----	125.00	
West Palm Beach -----	760.00	
District -----	500.00	
Paid on indebtedness on lot, by E. E. Reynolds --	240.00	
Cash on hand -----	250.00	
		\$3112.50

Tampa District

District -----	\$1800.00	
Fort Myers -----	1200.00	
Gulf Circuit (Palma Ceia Park) -----	1000.00	
Sebring Circuit -----	500.00	
South Bay -----	1000.00	
		\$5500.00

THE RICHMOND CHURCH EXTENSION LOAN FUND OF THE
ST. JOHNS RIVER CONFERENCE OF THE METH-
ODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

I, John F. Richmond, a retired member of the New York Conference make the deposit of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) as a foundation fund to be known as the "RICHMOND CHURCH EXTENSION LOAN FUND" of the St. Johns River Conference of the

Methodist Episcopal Church, the same to be held in trust by the Trustees of said St. Johns River Conference. This fund is to be loaned in amounts not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for the purchase of material or payment of labor in the building of churches in new territory within the bounds of the St. Johns River Conference.

The period of a loan shall be for a term of three (3) years without interest. If after three years the amount loaned is not returned to the trustees of the conference then the legal rate of interest for the State of Florida shall be paid annually. If after three years more, making six years in all, the amount is not returned, then the full value of the property on which the loan is made shall be held for it.

This fund is thus placed with the hope that others both ministers and laymen may see fit to add to it from time to time.

I further immediately place the above amount of One Thousand Dollars in the hands of Bishop E. G. Richardson, John J. Treadwell, District Superintendent and S. E. Idleman, Pastor of Snyder Memorial Church to hold in trust, with authority to loan all or part according to the above named conditions, until the next session of the St. Johns River Conference when the same shall be delivered to the legally constituted trustees of the Conference.

Life with us is brief and uncertain. Let us toil and give and pray while the lamp of life holds out to burn. We go this way but once with no return to finish what has been left undone.

April 10, 1922, Jacksonville, Florida.

Signed,

J. F. RICHMOND,

Party of the first part.

E. G. RICHARDSON,

JOHN J. TREADWELL,

S. E. IDLEMAN,

Parties of the second part in
behalf of the St. Johns
River Conference.

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Miami District														
1	Alapata	1	16	113	14	33	176	113	12	20	1	25	175	
2	Cocoanut Grove	1	10	86	38	
3	Coronado	1	5	70	.....	.....	70	40	1	.....	.....	25	.....	75
4	Davie See Fort Lauderdale													
5	Daytona	1	25	237	10	48	320	183	20	107	15	250	605	
6	Daytona Beach	1	39	338	.....	35	412	236	39	.....	5	165	612	
7	De Land	1	16	198	5	5	217	100	16	160	4	.....	217	
8	Eau Gallie	1	9	75	.....	.....	85	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	148	
9	Fellsmere	1	10	87	5	17	119	61	10	75	40	800	158	
10	Florida City	1	10	70	.....	.....	80	51	9	23	.....	.....	90	
11	Fort Lauderdale and Davie	2	24	205	40	30	275	160	24	40	19	.....	300	
12	Homestead	1	8	60	.....	.....	60	35	8	24	4	12	45	
13	Indian River City and Georgiana													
14	Lake Worth	1	21	210	.....	17	238	148	21	.....	16	272	224	
15	Larkin	1	9	101	.....	20	121	70	9	15	15	84	100	
16	Melbourne	1	14	134	2	21	171	90	8	60	18	64	112	
17	Miami	2	66	647	45	44	802	544	66	481	76	970	1187	
18	Naranja	1	10	75	.....	.....	75	55	4	10	.....	10	60	
19	New Smyrna	1	7	.....	.....	.....	80	40	7	.....	11	42	150	
20	Orange City													
21	Redlands	1	7	63	.....	.....	63	32	5	13	.....	23	45	
22	Rock Harbor													
23	Wabasso	1	3	65	15	13	101	46	8	28	7	.....	162	
24	*Hialeah	1	6	71	.....	.....	75	57	5	.....	.....	.....	100	
Totals		22	320	2819	136	283	3625	2144	272	1056	231	2742	4565	
Last Year		19	261	2571	106	216	3157	1767	234	1047	107	1368	3030	
Increase		3	59	248	30	67	468	377	38	9	124	1374	1535	
Decrease														

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Tampa District														
1	Fort Meyer	3	15	187	12	187	160	15	115	83	50	30	
2	Gulf Circuit	1	8	40	48	25	8	20	4	25	25	
3	Oldsmar	1	9	46	.....	10	65	38	9	19	8	29	72	
4	Sebring Circuit—No Report													
5	South Bay	2	10	60	.....	.....	60	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	
Totals		7	42	333	.....	22	360	273	32	154	95	104	157	
Last Year		3	21	131	.....	5	157	99	16	32	32	30	116	
Increase		4	21	202	.....	17	203	174	16	122	63	74	41	
Decrease														

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS

1	Jacksonville	28	433	2886	284	334	4381	2959	385	1185	156	3433	5231	
2	Miami	22	320	2819	136	283	3625	2144	272	1056	231	2742	4565	
3	Tampa	7	42	333	.....	22	360	273	32	154	95	104	157	
Totals		57	795	6038	420	639	8366	5376	689	2395	482	6279	9953	
Last Year		48	666	5897	379	453	7331	4372	594	2042	267	4253	7121	
Increase		9	129	141	41	186	1035	1004	95	353	215	2026	2832	
Decrease														

All reports cover fifteen months.

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NAMES OF CHARGES OR CHURCHES		Centenary and Apportioned Benevolences	Children's Day Fund. (Board of Education)	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Sustanation Fund	Miscellaneous	Total Benevolences Ordered By the Annual Conference	Support of District Superintendent	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	Support of Conference Claimants	Annual Conference Investments for Conference Claimants	General Conference Expense	Grand Total Including Disciplinary and Annual Conference Benevolences, and Other Cash Items
Jacksonville District															
1	Arlington and Gilmore	26				26				75	23	52		3	179
2	Bellevue and Candler	413		42	15	470		10	10	94	24	66		4	668
3	Davenport and Taft	254			70	324				56	12	40		3	435
4	Eustis	483	13	148		644		100	100	225	60	157		12	1198
5	Fruitland Park and Okahumpka	802	10			812		100	100	93	24	65			1094
6	Hastings	355	6			361		78	78	150	38	105		6	738
7	Jacksonville—Fairfield	550				550		1260	1260	100	30	70			2010
8	Livingston Memorial	398				398		30	30	100	22	70		5	625
9	Perry Avenue	15				15				9	3	6			33
10	Snyder Memorial	2626	28	181	193	3028		312	312	300	90	180		16	3926
11	South Jacksonville	905		14		919		574	574	175	50	125		6	1849
12	Lake Como	226				226				62	14	38		2	342
13	Lawtey and Saxon	55	4			59				79	18	53		4	213
14	Mount Dora	724	15	232		971				125	35	86	75	15	1307
15	Port Richey	20				20				43	10	30		2	128
16	St. Augustine	3076		182	92	3350		253	253	245	90	211		11	4160
17	St. Cloud	1399	13	323	183	1918		374	374	275	71	193		11	2842
18	St. Petersburg	4531	50	1585	1437	7603		773	773	355	100	245	225		9301
19	Sebring	953	10	69	79	1111		47	47	225	60	158		11	1612
20	Tarpon Springs	1605	10	210	19	1844				148	39	97	15	7	2150
21	Winter Park	733	52	127		912		99	99	325	84	227		7	1654
22	Zephyrhills	1471	5	100		1576		1315	1315	143	36	100		7	3177
*Totals		21620	216	3213	2088	27137		5348	5348	3402	933	2374	315	132	39641
Last Year		20763	279	2497	1391	24930		3691	3691	2514	674	1600	224	131	33764
Increase		857		716	699	2207		1657	1657	888	259	774	91	1	5877
Decrease			63												

*These totals are for a conference year of 15 months.

*Miami District														
1 Allapattah	106	6	.....	.....	112	.....	.....	.....	60	20	42	.....	3	237
2 Coconut Grove	78	.....	.....	.....	78	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178
3 Coronado	75	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	3	31	6	18	.....	.....	133
4 Daytona	1520	15	110	.....	1645	.....	506	506	325	81	228	145	14	2944
5 Daytona Beach	1008	28	.....	65	1101	.....	490	490	390	100	225	.....	25	2331
6 De Land	1377	12	192	136	1717	.....	384	384	225	57	158	10	10	2561
7 Eau Gallie	438	.....	.....	.....	438	.....	256	256	50	23	35	.....	.....	802
8 Fellsmere	43	8	.....	.....	51	.....	.....	.....	62	6	30	.....	.....	149
9 Florida City	100	5	11	.....	116	.....	.....	.....	87	23	50	.....	5	281
10 Ft. Lauderdale	764	.....	436	.....	1216	.....	125	125	145	7	20	.....	.....	1513
11 Homestead	102	4	16	.....	122	.....	111	111	85	23	61	.....	.....	402
12 Indian River City and Georgiana	43	.....	.....	.....	43	.....	.....	.....	12	3	9	.....	.....	67
13 Lake Worth	736	15	.....	25	776	.....	667	667	150	39	105	.....	.....	1737
14 Larkin	83	.....	.....	.....	83	.....	.....	.....	55	12	23	.....	.....	173
15 Melbourne	354	5	111	.....	470	.....	19	19	125	31	87	.....	.....	732
16 Miami	11030	83	991	323	12427	50	8433	8483	520	160	451	.....	27	22068
17 Naranja	3	2	3	2	10	.....	.....	.....	4	2	25	.....	.....	41
18 New Smyrna	342	4	.....	.....	346	.....	100	100	62	12	37	.....	.....	557
19 Orange City	70	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	20	7	18	.....	.....	115
20 Redlands	33	4	.....	.....	37	.....	.....	.....	31	7	21	.....	.....	96
21 Wabasso	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	2	7	.....	.....	19
22 Hialeah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	15	.....	.....	.....	15

*Totals	18305	191	1870	567	20933	50	11194	11244	2464	621	1650	155	84	37151
Last Year	13981	186	747	304	15218	200	6588	6788	1944	470	1196	344	60	26020
Increase	4324	5	1123	263	5715	.....	4606	4456	520	151	454	.....	24	11131
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	189	.....	.....

Tampa District														
1 Ft. Meyers	25	5	10	10	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	35	.....	5	100
2 Gulf Circuit	25	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	31
3 Oldsmar	107	.....	.....	.....	107	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	21	.....	.....	134
4 South Bay	150	.....	37	.....	187	.....	.....	.....	33	5	5	.....	.....	230
*Totals	307	5	47	10	369	.....	.....	.....	39	21	61	.....	5	495
Last Year	159	6	1	3	169	153	6	2	1	1	332
Increase	148	46	7	200	15	59	1	4	163
Decrease	1	114

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1 Jacksonville	21620	216	3213	2088	27137	5348	5348	3402	933	2374	315	132	39641
2 Miami	18305	191	1870	567	20933	50	11194	11244	2464	621	1650	155	84	37151
3 Tampa	307	5	47	10	369	.....	.....	.....	39	21	61	.....	5	495
Totals	40232	412	5130	2665	48439	50	16542	16592	5905	1575	4085	470	221	77287
Last Year	34903	471	3245	1698	40317	200	10279	10479	4611	1150	2798	569	192	60116
Increase	5329	1885	967	8122	6263	6113	1294	425	1287	29	17171
Decrease	59	150	99

*These figures cover a conference year of 15 months.

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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										CHURCH MEMBERSHIP									
Support of Pastor				Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claims		Total Paid for Ministerial Support		Total Deficiency		Local Preachers		Baptisms		Prep. Mem.		Full Members	
Total Claim Includ- ing House Rent		Total Paid Includ- ing House Rent		Rental Value of Parsonage		Paid		Claim		Paid		Claim		Support		Paid		Conf. Claims	
Claim		Paid		Claim		Paid		Total Paid for Ministerial Support		Total Deficiency		Local Preachers		Adults Baptized		Children Baptized		Baptist Children In- str'ct'd for Memb' rship	
Received During the Year		Now on Roll		Full members on Roll		Non-resident Members		Deaths During Year											
PASTORS																			
Jacksonville District																			
1	Arlington and Gilmore	1000	1000	200	75	23	52	52	1150	1150	1	26	2	...	...	3	60	...	...
2	Bellevue and Candler	1097	1097	160	94	24	66	66	1281	1281	1	...	...	...	...	1	24	...	...
3	Davenport and Taft	562	562	...	56	12	39	39	669	669	...	5	3	...	...	7	70	...	...
4	Eustis	2625	2625	375	225	60	157	157	3067	3067	...	1	2	2	4	...	152	...	4
5	Fruitland Park and Okahumpka	1220	1220	125	93	24	66	66	1403	1403	...	...	4	...	3	...	40	...	...
6	Hastings	1650	1700	150	150	38	105	105	1993	1993	...	...	13	...	4	...	57	...	1
7	Jacksonville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Fairfield	2850	2850	750	100	30	70	70	3050	3050	...	1	26	13	...	46	143	...	1
9	Livingston Memorial	1000	1000	...	100	22	70	70	1192	1192	...	1	3	3	...	3	94	...	2
10	Perry Avenue	90	90	...	9	3	6	6	108	108	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...
11	Snyder Memorial	4000	4000	1000	300	90	180	180	4570	4570	...	1	5	3	30	9	380	...	5
12	South Jacksonville	1975	1975	300	162	50	125	125	2312	2312	...	...	6	12	12	5	183	...	2
13	Lake Como Circuit	645	645	100	54	16	36	38	763	763	...	...	1	1	...	4	28	...	1
14	Lawtey and Saxon	1017	1017	225	79	18	53	53	1167	1167	...	2	...	...	...	3	65	...	1
15	Mount Dora	1625	1625	375	125	35	86	86	1871	1871	...	...	1	...	3	17	56	...	2
16	Port Richey	320	320	...	44	10	30	30	404	404	...	1	1	...	...	1	21	...	1
17	St. Augustine	3806	3806	1000	245	90	211	211	4352	4352	...	1	7	16	...	3	341	...	1
18	St. Cloud and Brown's Chapel	3125	3125	375	275	71	192	192	3663	3663	...	4	6	11	...	4	245	...	21
19	St. Petersburg	3737	3737	937	355	100	245	245	4437	4437	...	...	11	8	13	26	653	...	11
20	Sebring	2625	2625	375	225	59	158	158	3067	3067	...	1	5	...	...	8	134	...	...
21	Tarpon Springs	1741	1741	360	138	39	97	97	2025	2025	...	2	1	2	...	4	111	...	...
22	Winter Park	3750	3750	500	325	84	227	227	4386	4386	...	1	1	10	1	1	127	...	4
23	Zephyrhill	1625	1625	187	144	37	100	100	1906	1906	...	2	4	11	9	6	139	...	4
Totals		42085	42135	7494	3373	935	2371	2373	48836	48836	18	84	114	79	144	133	3173	201	65
Last Year		30872	31187	6020	2497	692	1500	1620	36001	36001	13	79	102	110	146	127	2990	224	49
Increase		11213	10958	1474	876	243	871	753	12835	12835	5	5	12	...	...	6	183	...	16
Decrease		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	23	...

Miami District		(C. J. Ericson)	600	600	60	60	13	20	42	42	722	1	2	18	48	5	1
1	Allapata	(B. F. Sheffer)	1250	1250	125	126	28	...	87	...	1376	...	1	...	92	...	1
2	Cocoanut Grove	(O. M. Freeman)	315	315	31	31	6	...	22	18	370	114	2	...	21	...	1
3	Coronado	(S. E. Lawhon)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
4	Davie See Fort Lauderdale	D. S. Scadeng	3750	3750	325	325	84	81	228	228	4384	3	6	13	211	21	5
5	Daytona	D. H. Rutter	4900	4900	390	390	110	100	273	225	5615	58	5	6	204	8	1
6	Daytona Beach	L. Radcliffe	2875	2875	225	225	64	57	158	158	3315	7	1	9	227	...	3
7	De Land	G. W. Carlin	900	900	50	50	19	23	35	35	1008	...	...	...	39	3	...
8	Eau Gallie	(J. O. Jameson)	625	625	62	62	14	6	43	30	723	21	4	...	55	...	...
9	Fellsmere	(E. I. Getman)	1000	1000	100	87	23	23	70	50	1160	33	1	4	60	13	...
10	Florida City	S. E. Lawhon	1650	1650	135	135	37	26	94	72	1883	33	1	12	130	...	2
11	Fort Lauderdale and Davie	L. B. C. Moffat	1030	1030	87	85	29	23	61	61	1199	8	...	1	59	...	...
12	Homestead	(G. W. Carlin)	...	120	12	12	3	3	9	9	144	11	...	...	10	3	1
13	Indian River City and Georgiana	N. H. Kendall	1700	1700	150	150	38	27	105	105	1982	...	...	5	120	...	...
14	Lake Worth	(Robert Smylie)	550	550	55	55	12	10	38	25	640	15	2	...	41	...	1
15	Larkin	(W. F. Ernsberger)	1500	1500	125	125	33	31	87	87	1743	2	...	...	78	4	1
16	Melbourne	R. N. Merrill	9100	9100	520	520	145	160	364	451	10231	...	9	34	973	11	13
17	Miami	F. A. Hamilton, Asst.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	Miami	(W. J. Carter)	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	31	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
19	Naranja	O. M. Freeman	962	962	52	62	21	12	37	37	1073	...	2	...	68	...	1
20	New Smyrna	(L. Radcliffe)	472	472	25	25	10	7	18	18	522	3	...	...	6	...	...
21	Orange City	L. B. C. Moffat	312	312	31	31	7	7	22	22	372	...	...	...	2	...	...
22	Redlands	(E. I. Getman)	41	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	10	11	...	...
23	Rock Harbor	(J. W. Johnson)	110	110	11	10	2	2	7	7	129	1	3	...	21	...	...
24	Wabasso	(W. R. G. Orwick)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	...
25	*Hialeah	Totals	33642	33762	2571	2570	688	626	1800	1705	38663	309	19	103	1082518	68	30
		Last year	24293	24293	1995	1977	467	470	1138	1196	27936	69	20	114	1132115	89	20
		Increase	9349	9469	586	593	221	156	662	509	10727	240	...	...	403	...	10
		Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	11	5	21	...

Tampa District		P. E. Ramsey	900	900	50	50	22	...	35	10	960	47	4	83	115	...	1
1	Fort Meyer	E. F. Connolly	120	120	12	6	3	...	8	...	126	17	2	...	29	...	...
2	Gulf Circuit	(G. H. Northrop	1750	1450	150	56	34	6	105	21	1533	506	...	8	26	...	...
3	Oldsmar	(H. D. Eifert)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	...
4	Sebring Circuit	E. L. Housley	705	705	33	33	5	5	5	5	748	...	...	8	16	...	...
5	South Bay	Totals	3475	3175	245	145	64	11	153	36	3367	570	1	138	210	...	...
		Last year	1808	1808	155	150	6	6	2	2	1971	...	1	37	70	7	...
		Increase	1667	1367	90	...	58	5	151	34	1396	570	...	101	140	...	1
		Decrease	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...

RECAPITULATION

1	Jacksonville	J. J. Treadwell	42085	42135	7494	3373	3391	935	937	2371	2373	48836	...	18	84	114	79	144	133	3173	201	65
2	Miami	R. A. Carnine	33642	33762	5337	2571	2570	688	626	1800	1705	38663	309	19	47	102	119	103	108	2518	68	30
3	Tampa	L. H. Shumate	3475	3175	1025	245	145	64	11	153	36	3367	570	1	50	6	10	138	16	210	...	1
		Totals	79202	79072	13856	6189	6106	1687	1574	4324	4114	90866	879	38	181	222	208	385	257	5901	269	96
		Last year	56973	57288	10505	4647	4631	1165	1171	2460	2818	65908	69	34	98	158	204	297	240	5175	320	69
		Increase	22229	21784	3351	1542	1475	522	403	1864	1296	24958	810	4	83	64	4	88	17	726	...	27
		Decrease	51	...

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All reports cover fifteen months.

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NAME OF CHARGES OR CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS					EPWORTH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY						
	Number of Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Depts. Incl. Officers, Teachers, etc.	Average Attendance of all Grades	Senior Members	Junior Members	Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Paid for Building and Improvements on the Churches and Par- sonages	Paid on Old Indebted- ness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Par- sonages	Current Expenses
All Reports Cover Fifteen Months														
Jacksonville District														
1 Arlington and Gilmore	2	15	165	100	...	30	1	5000	...	...	400	...	400	50
2 Bellevue and Candler	1	16	62	33	21	...	2	2500	2	2500	300	...	...	115
3 Davenport and Taft	2	15	106	74	15	...	3	5050	1	3750	47	250	150	126
4 Eustis	1	15	214	100	22	20	4	15000	1	2500	1850	150	...	275
5 Fruitland Park and Okahumpka	2	16	104	68	...	...	5	3800	1	1800	32	...	...	32
6 Hastings	1	12	92	43	...	...	6	5000	1	4000	37	...	1100	120
7 Jacksonville	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8 Fairfield	1	22	209	130	30	20	8	20000	1	7000	86	...	2500	736
9 Livingston Memorial	1	25	215	144	24	...	9	30000	...	...	1166	...	...	117
10 Perry Avenue	1	5	63	41	...	...	10	3200	1	1200	38	...	...	21
11 Snyder Memorial	1	47	369	162	20	...	11	100000	1	25000	455	1300	5200	3700
12 South Jacksonville	1	23	228	150	30	18	12	5500	1	4500	200	...	...	235
13 Lake Como Circuit	1	5	32	24	...	...	13	7200	1	2400	432	...	...	15
14 Lawtey and Saxon	2	18	141	96	50	13	14	10000	1	3500	...	...	...	90
15 Mount Dora	2	20	212	125	15	15	15	5000	1	4000	1738	2300	...	787
16 Port Richey	1	7	33	20	...	...	16	3500	...	...	500	...	500	...
17 St. Augustine	1	34	356	170	71	42	17	80000	1	20000	1700	...	...	1405
18 St. Cloud and Brown's Chapel	2	28	375	183	15	35	18	41500	1	3000	944	...	...	920
19 St. Petersburg	1	48	610	795	93	30	19	200000	1	20000	6500	4000	12500	4912
20 Sebring	1	20	265	214	110	40	20	25000	1	5000	25	...	...	500
21 Tarpon Springs	1	15	157	79	36	...	21	7000	1	5000	750	...	...	200
22 Winter Park	1	11	209	107	45	...	22	25000	1	2500	...	...	...	200
23 Zephyrhill	1	16	164	101	30	...	23	13000	1	2000	4470	100	142	250
Totals	28	433	4381	2959	627	263	32	612250	20	119650	21670	8100	22392	14806
Last Year	26	384	4017	2506	588	235	31	543650	19	121500	56573	827	34258	13505
Increase	2	49	364	453	39	28	1	68600	1	...	...	7273	...	1301
Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1850	34903	...	11866	...

Miami District														
1	Allapatah	1	16	176	113	35	21	1	1	7500	2400	.....	.....	210
2	Cocoanut Grove	1	10	86	38	.....	.....	2	1	25000	.....	.....	3000	.....
3	Coronado	1	5	70	40	.....	.....	3	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	100
4	Davie—See Fort Lauderdale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Daytona	1	25	320	183	30	.....	5	1	24000	429	100	3700	1880
6	Daytona Beach	1	39	412	236	50	.....	6	1	50000	2800	800	5706	2491
7	De Land	1	16	217	100	43	.....	7	1	44000	.....	.....	7000	1550
8	Eau Gallie	1	9	84	45	20	.....	8	1	4000	192	.....	.....	94
9	Fellsmere	1	10	119	61	16	.....	9	1	4500	3500	.....	.....	1000
10	Florida City	1	10	80	51	.....	.....	10	1	6000	.....	.....	.....	138
11	Fort Lauderdale and Davie	2	24	275	160	37	.....	11	3	27000	700	1000	.....	300
12	Homestead	1	8	60	35	28	.....	12	1	4500	91	200	75	70
13	Indian River City and Georgiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	1	800	10	.....	.....	.....
14	Lake Worth	1	21	238	148	.....	.....	14	1	6500	479	1000	1320	443
15	Larkin	1	9	121	70	.....	.....	15	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	Melbourne	1	14	171	90	.....	.....	16	1	4000	200	450	90	75
17	Miami	2	66	802	544	87	.....	17	1	*304050	*11300	1500	*27250	18512
18	Miami	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Naranja	1	10	75	55	.....	.....	19	1	1800	1500	.....	.....	100
20	New Smyrna	1	7	80	40	.....	.....	20	1	4500	.....	.....	.....	150
21	Orange City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	1	3500	350	.....	.....	10
22	Redlands	1	7	63	.....	.....	.....	22	1	3500	.....	.....	.....	40
23	Rock Harbor	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	Wabasso	1	8	101	46	.....	.....	24	1	5000	1311	288	.....	7
25	*Hialeah	1	6	75	57	.....	.....	25	.....	2300	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals		22	320	3625	2144	346	21	23	535750	108500	25262	5338	48141	27170
Last Year		19	261	3157	1767	314	61	22	361200	54500	44373	2192	42654	16865
Increase		3	59	468	377	32	.....	1	174550	54000	.....	3146	5487	10305
Decrease		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	19111	.....	.....	.....

Tampa District														
1	Fort Meyer	3	15	187	160	24	28	1	1	20000	300	.....	6000	100
2	Gulf Circuit	1	8	48	25	.....	.....	2	1	5000	2900	.....	.....	256
3	Oldsmar	1	9	65	38	25	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Sebring Circuit	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	South Bay	2	10	60	50	.....	20	5	3	7500	.....	.....	125	300
Totals		7	42	360	273	49	48	5	5	32500	3200	.....	6125	656
Last Year		3	21	157	99	20	18	4	4	6850	2650	.....	.....	375
Increase		4	21	203	174	29	30	1	1	25650	550	.....	6125	281
Decrease		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

RECAPITULATION

1	Jacksonville	28	433	4381	2959	627	263	1	32	612250	21670	8100	22392	14806
2	Miami	22	320	3625	2144	346	21	2	23	535750	25262	5338	48141	27170
3	Tampa	7	42	360	273	49	48	3	5	32500	3200	.....	6125	656
Totals		57	795	8366	5376	1022	332	60	60	1180500	50132	13438	76658	42632
Last Year		48	666	7331	4372	922	314	57	57	911700	103596	3019	76912	30745
Increase		9	129	1035	1004	100	18	3	3	268800	10419	11887
Decrease		53464	254

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